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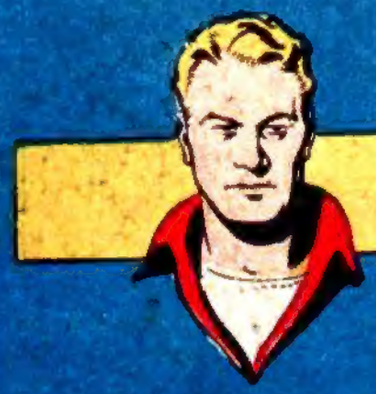
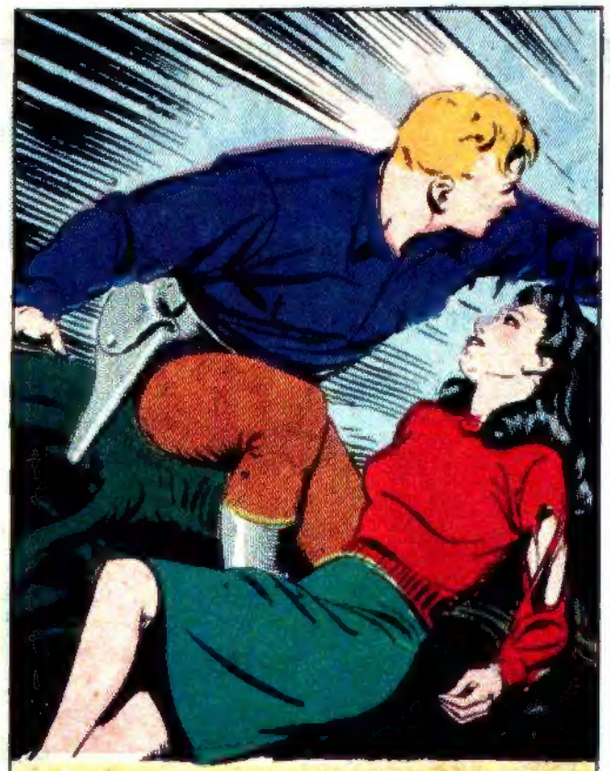
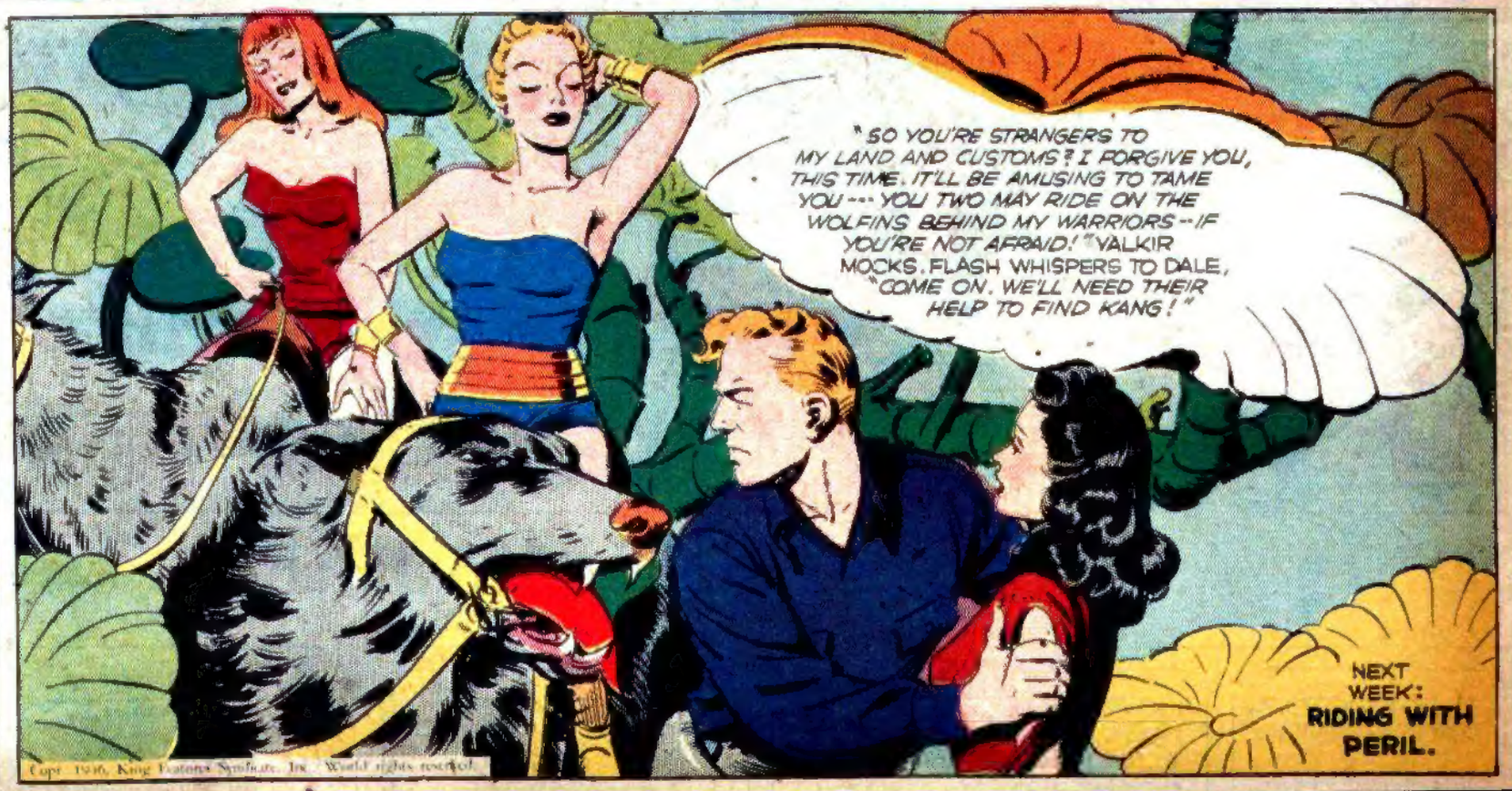


THE PLANET MONGO'S FINEST ROCKET SHIP AND ITS BEST PILOT ARE SMASHED TO THE GROUND BY THE LIGHTNING STORMS OF THE WILDERNESS OF VALKR. FLASH, BATTERED AND DAZED, THINKS OF DALE ARDEN.



NOT EVEN FLASH CAN RESCUE THE BODIES OF HIS COMRADES. HE BARELY GETS DALE TO SAFETY BEFORE THE ROCKET'S ATOM-POWER UNITS EXPLODE.

OTHERS COME TO INVESTIGATE THE EARTH-SHAKING BLAST -- WARRIOR WOMEN, RIDING WOLVES. FLASH SHOUTS: "GO AROUND! DON'T CROSS THAT OPEN SPACE! THE GROUND IS RADIO-ACTIVE!"



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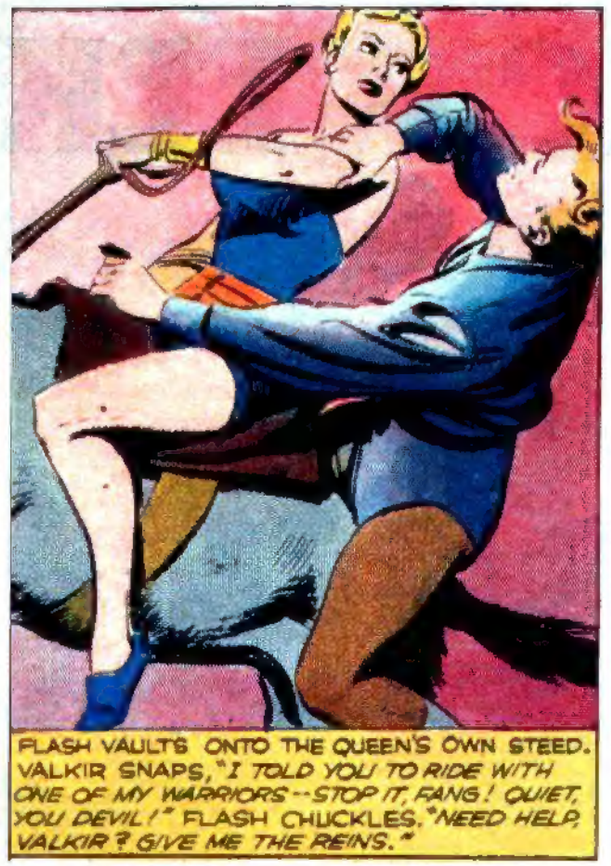

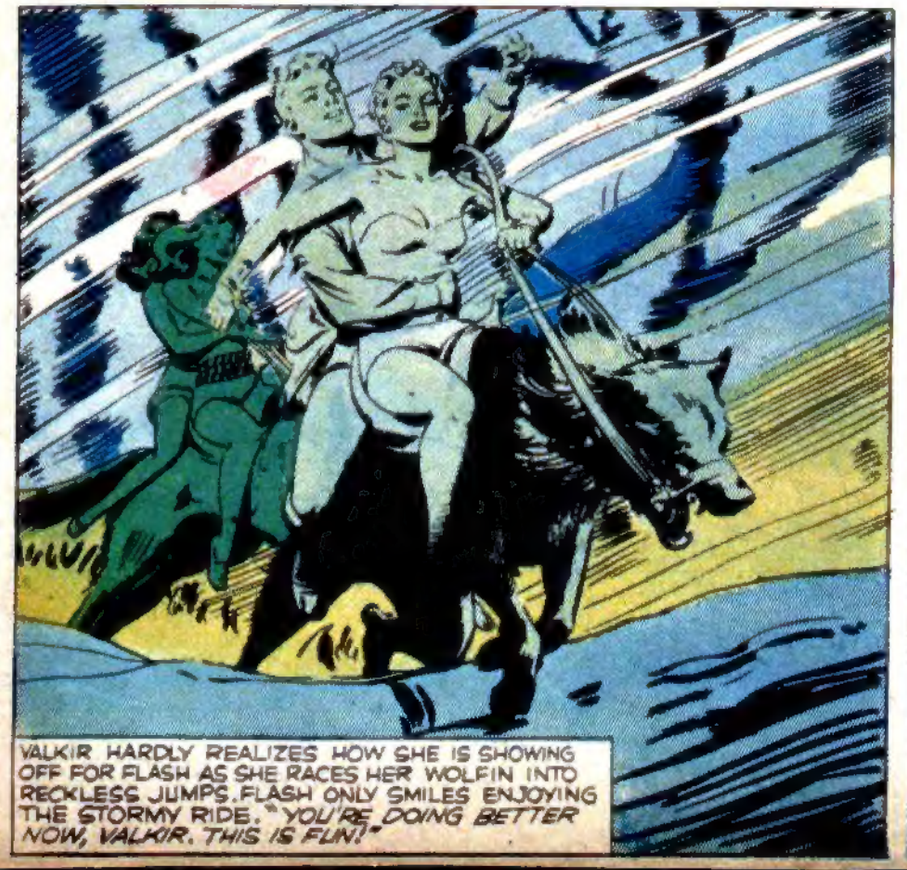

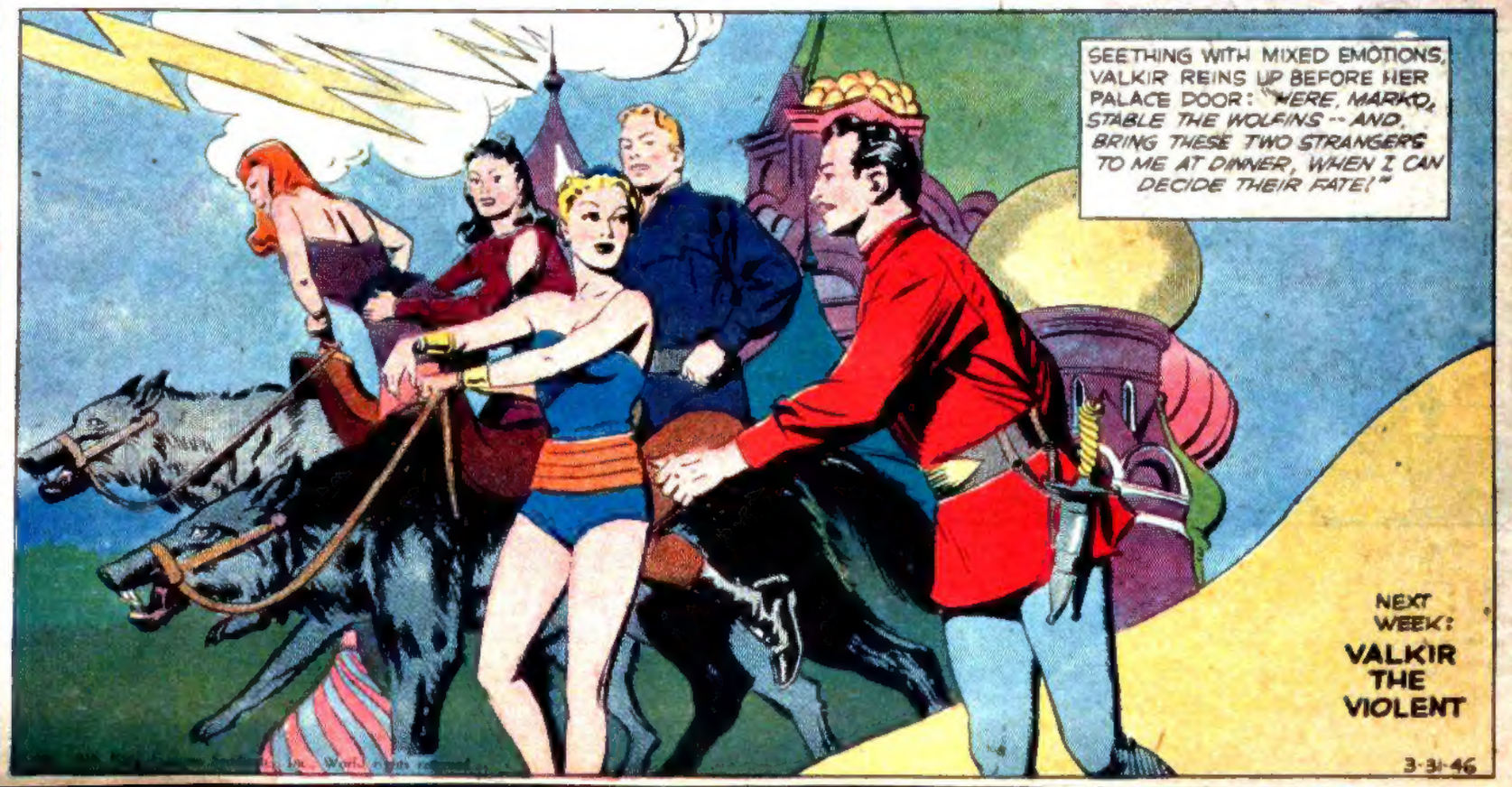

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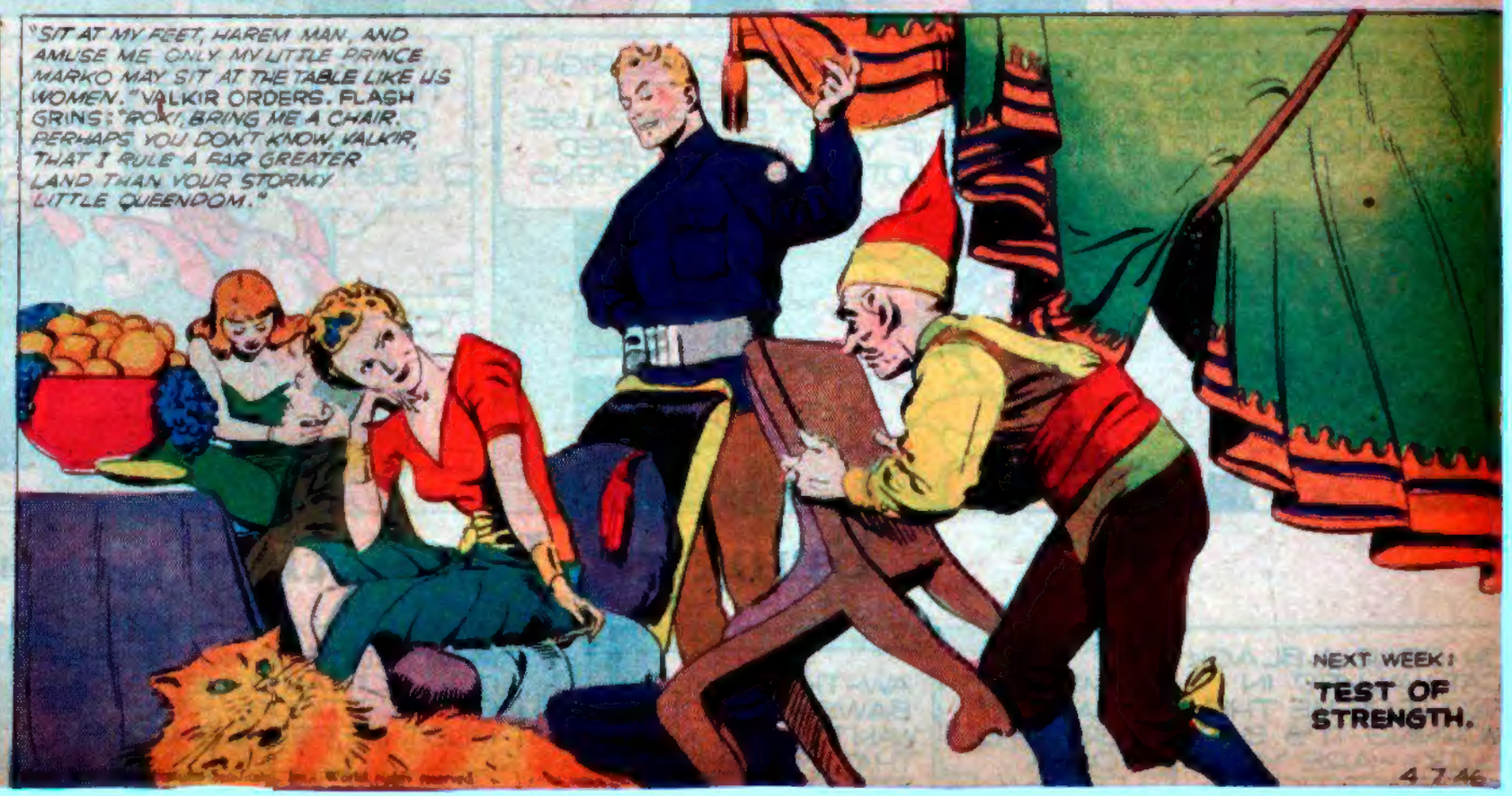

NEXT WEEK: TEST OF STRENGTH.

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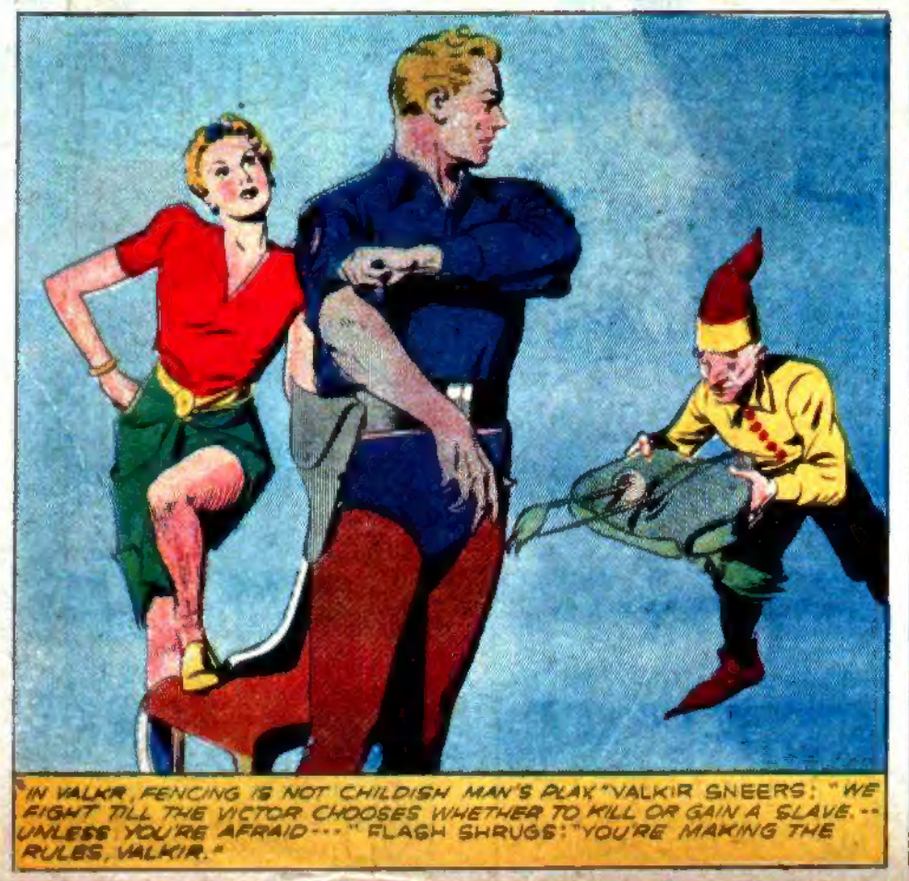

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THOUGH A MASTER FENCER, VALKIR CAN'T BREAK DOWN FLASH'S DEFENSE. THE WOUNDED MAN REFUSES TO STRIKE BACK. AT LAST THE QUEEN'S TEMPER EXPLODES: *"COWARD! FOOL! DON'T YOU DARE ATTACK?"*

WITH A CONFIDENT SMILE THAT ENRAGES HER STILL FURTHER, FLASH DRIVES HOME A PRETENDED ATTACK. SHE FIERCELY PARRIES EVERY LUNGE THAT PROVES ONLY A MADDENING FEINT.

AT LAST VALKIR MAKES THE MISTAKE FLASH IS WAITING FOR. HER SWORD TIP SLIDES DOWN HIS BLADE TO THE HILT. HE SPINS HIS SWORD--AND HER WEAPON IS WHIPPED OUT OF HER ASTONISHED GRASP.

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BEFORE VALKIR CAN ANSWER, HER PET TIGRET, MADDENED BY SEEING ITS MISTRESS THREATENED, BREAKS AWAY FROM MARKO AND LEAPS AT FLASH'S THROAT.

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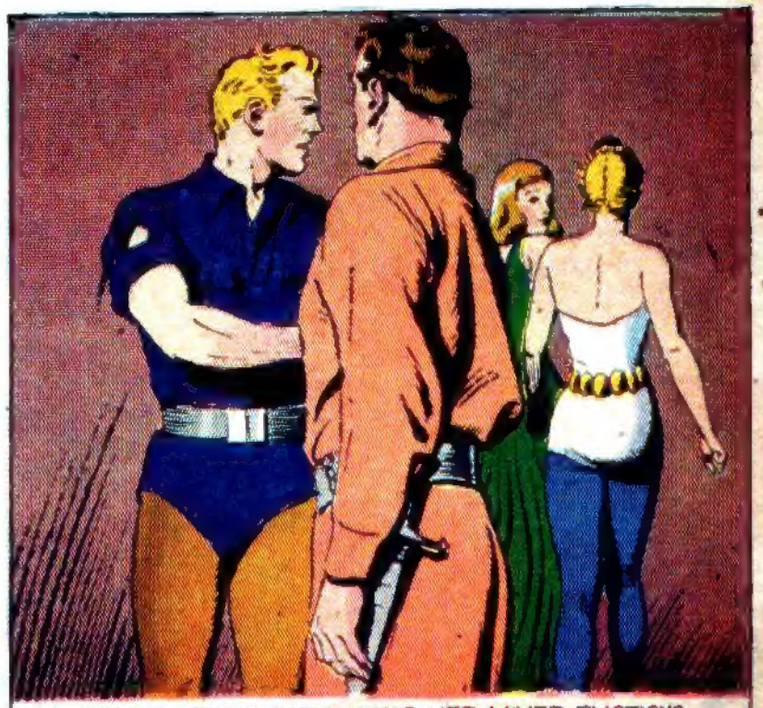
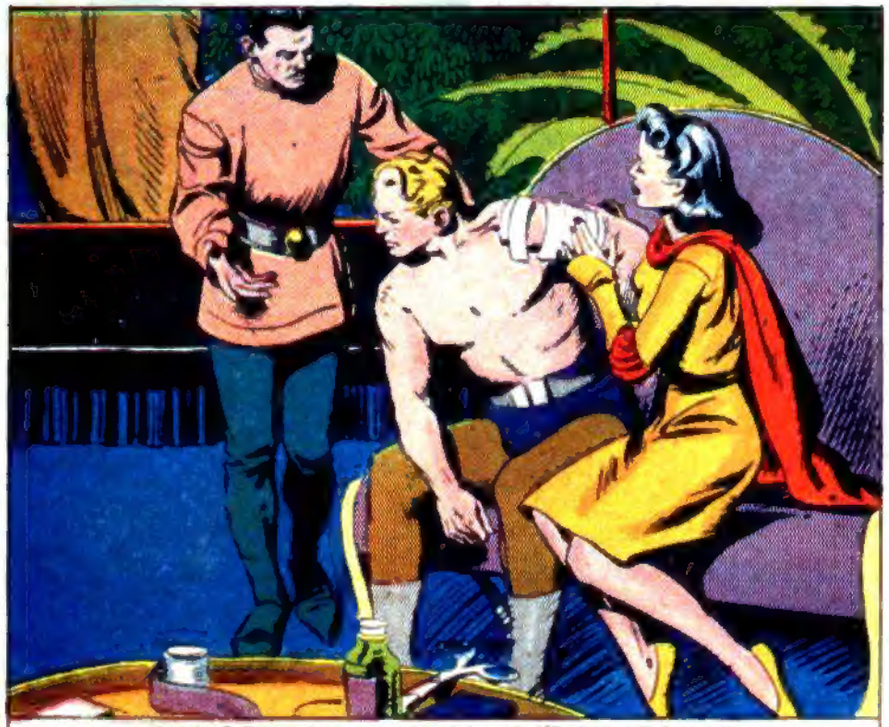
FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE, FLASH CATAPULTS VALKIR'S CLAWING TIGRET THROUGH THE AIR—

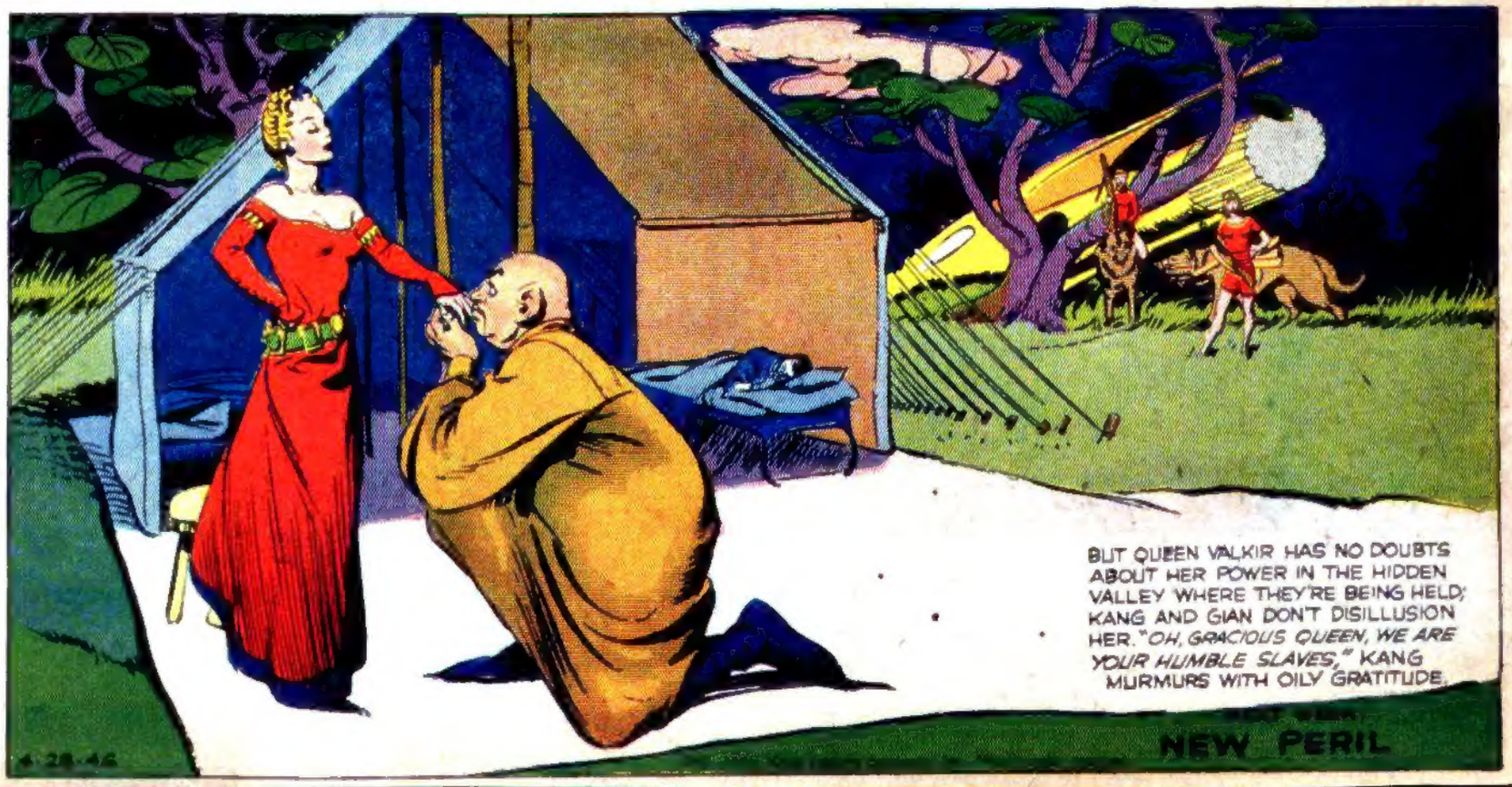
FLASH SCRAMBLES TO GET HIS SWORD: *"CALL OFF YOUR PET, VALKIR, OR I'LL RUN HIM THROUGH."* VALKIR CRIES, *"DON'T HURT MY TIGRET, PLEASE. GRAB THE LEASH, MARKO."*



VALKIR STALKS AWAY, HIDING HER MIXED EMOTIONS OVER FLASH'S SPARING BOTH HERSELF AND HER PET. MARKO WHISPERS: *"YOU SHOWED THESE WOMEN THEY COULDN'T ALWAYS BOSS MEN!"* FLASH SAYS, *"THANKS. COME WITH ME—I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING."*



MARKO TELLS FLASH THAT KANG'S ATOM ROCKET HAS CRASHED IN VALKR: *"THE QUEEN HAS HER WARRIOR WOMEN GUARDING IT!"* FLASH LOOKS GRIM, *"THE FOOLS! KANG IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN A DOZEN VALKIRS!"*



BUT QUEEN VALKIR HAS NO DOUBTS ABOUT HER POWER IN THE HIDDEN VALLEY WHERE THEY'RE BEING HELD; KANG AND GIAN DON'T DISILLUSION HER. *"OH, GRACIOUS QUEEN, WE ARE YOUR HUMBLE SLAVES,"* KANG MURMURS WITH OILY GRATITUDE.

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NEW PERIL

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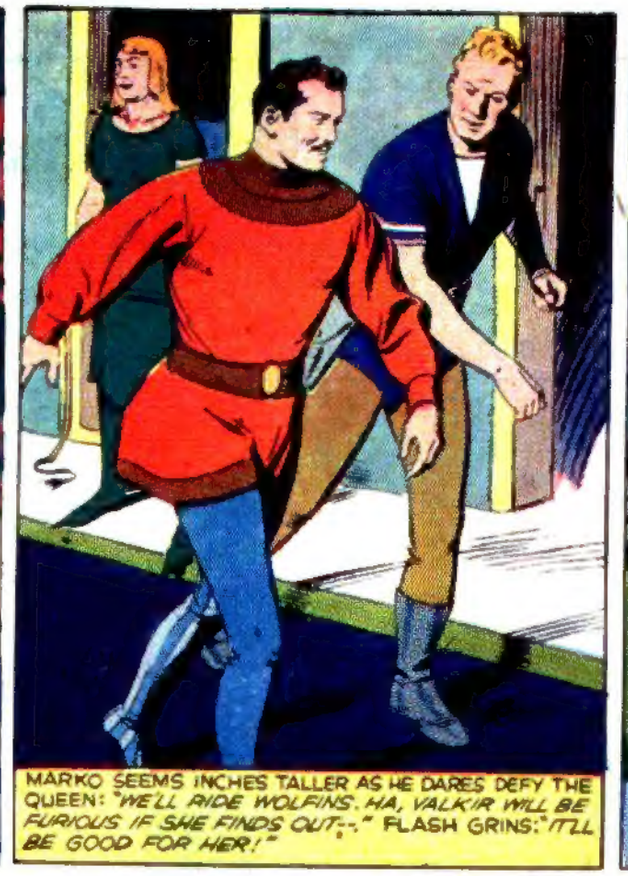

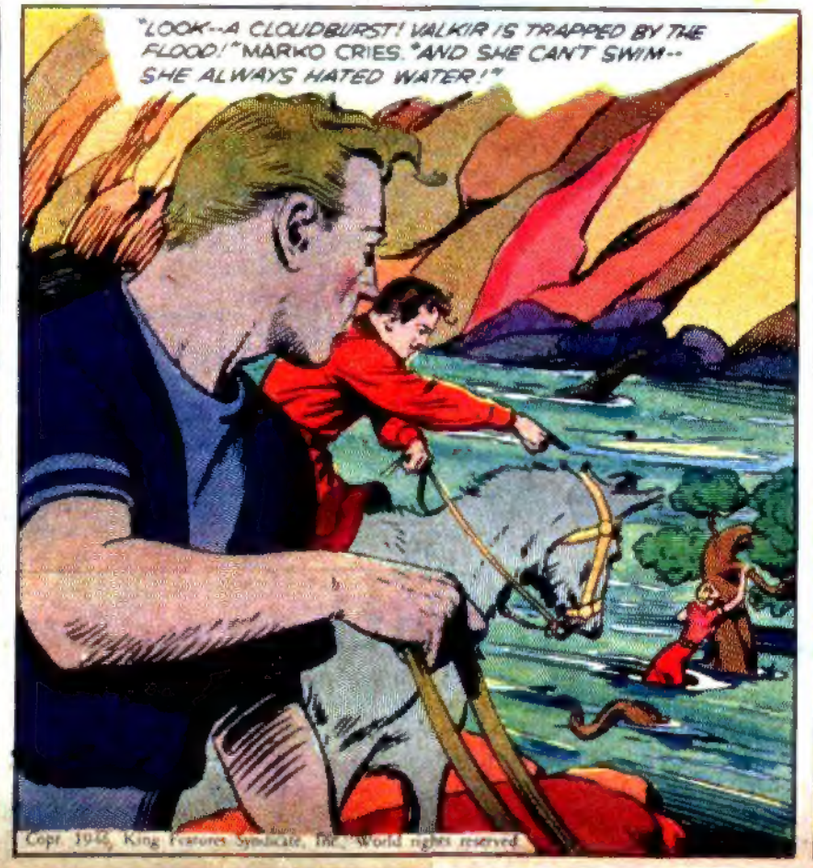

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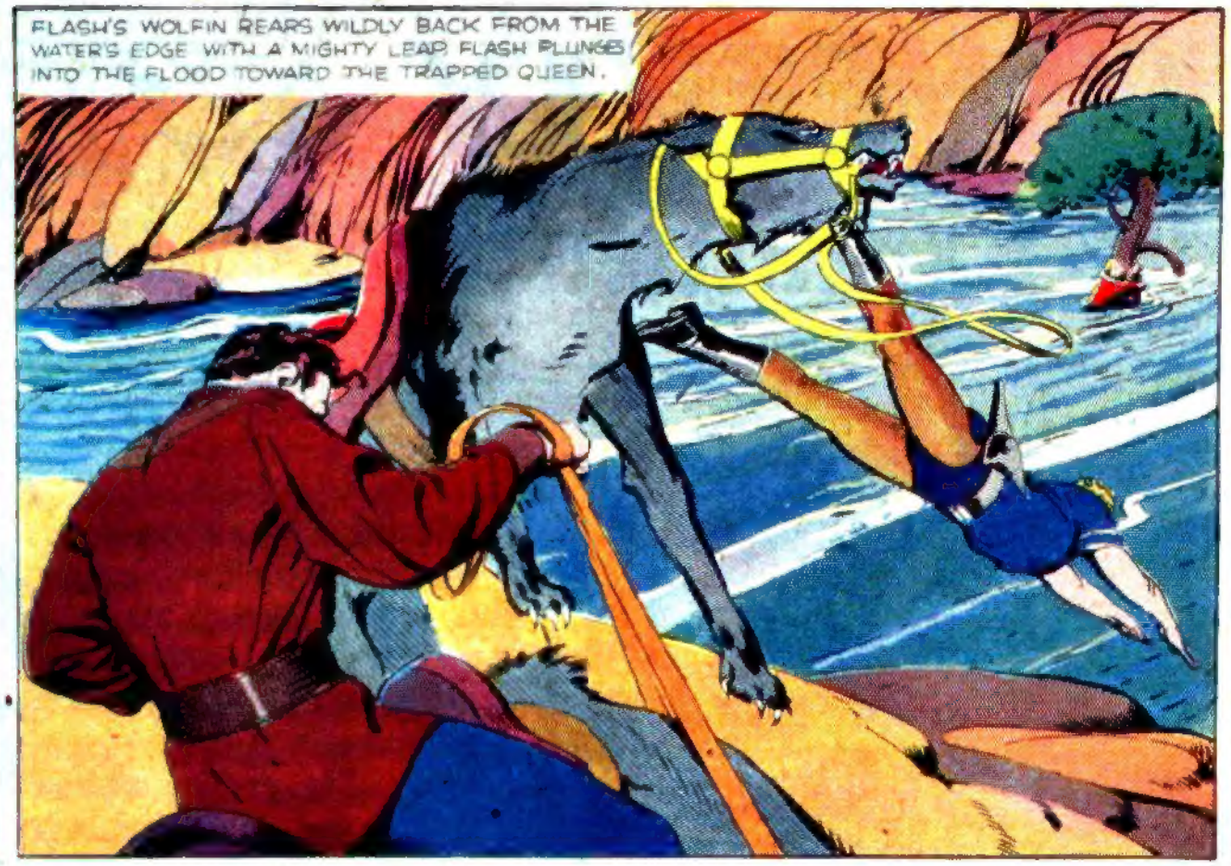

NEXT WEEK: **SHOWDOWN**

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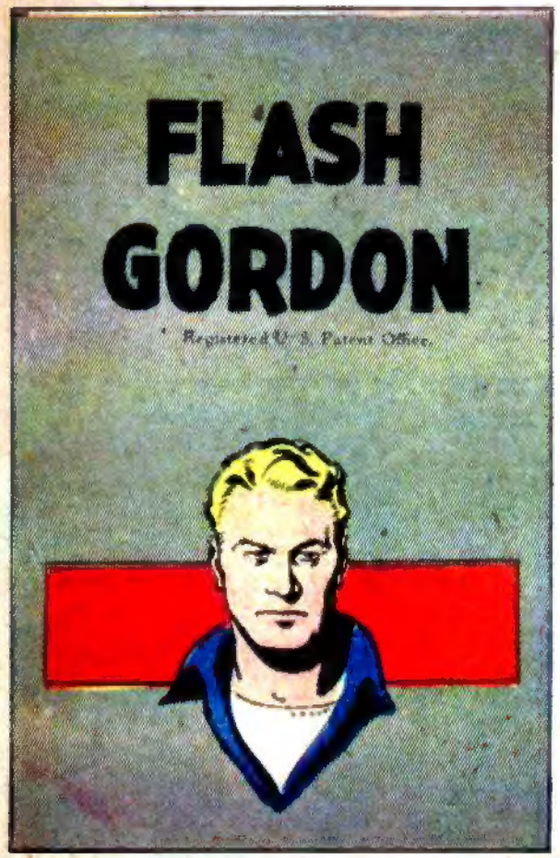
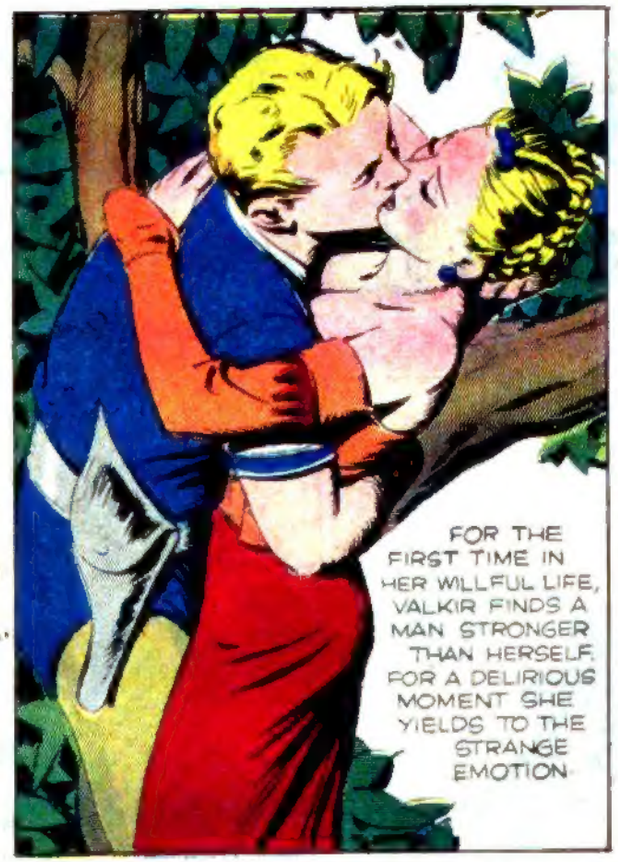
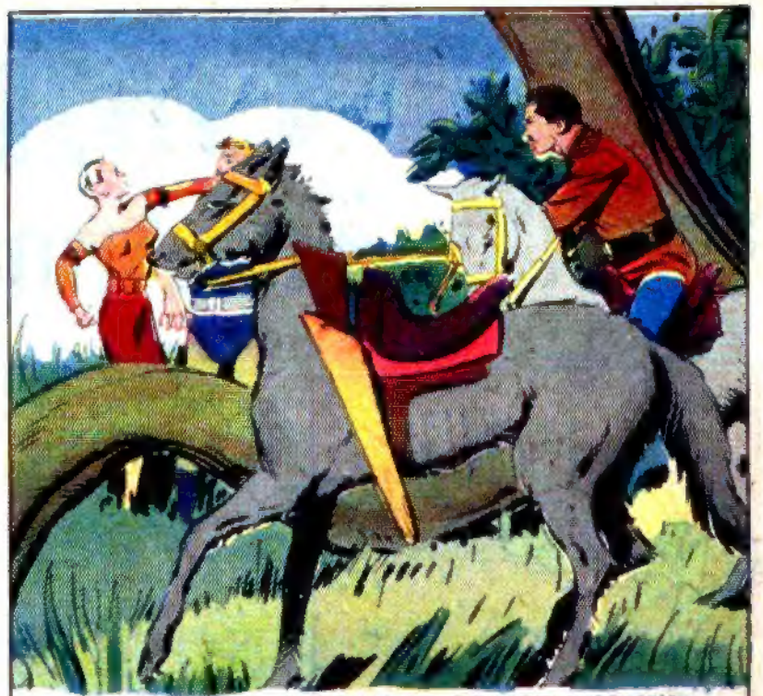


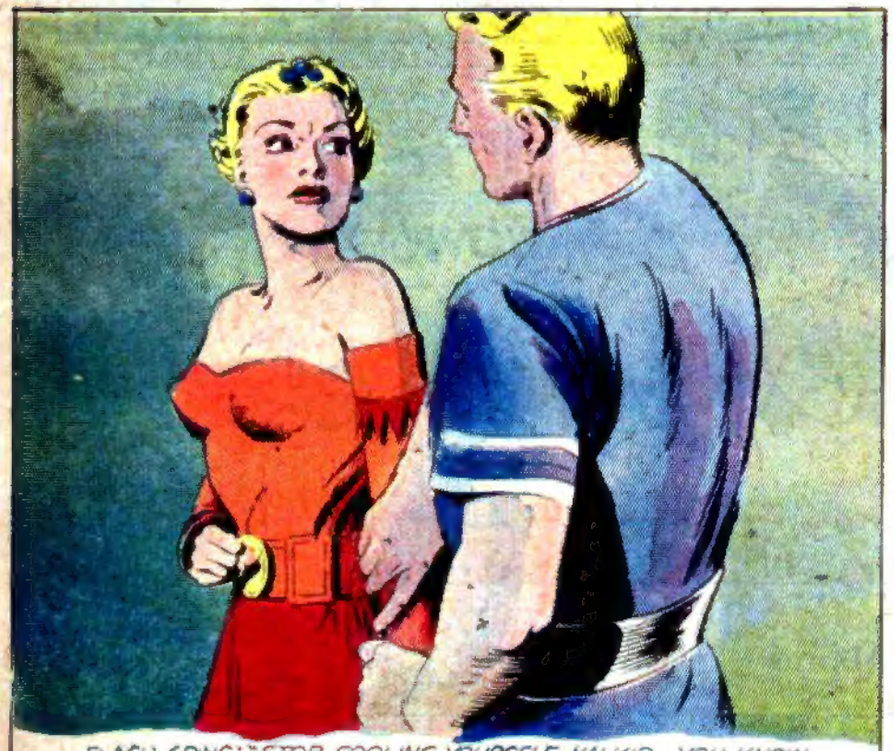
FLASH RESCUES THE EXHAUSTED QUEEN FROM THE STORM FLOOD THAT NEARLY DROWNED HER.



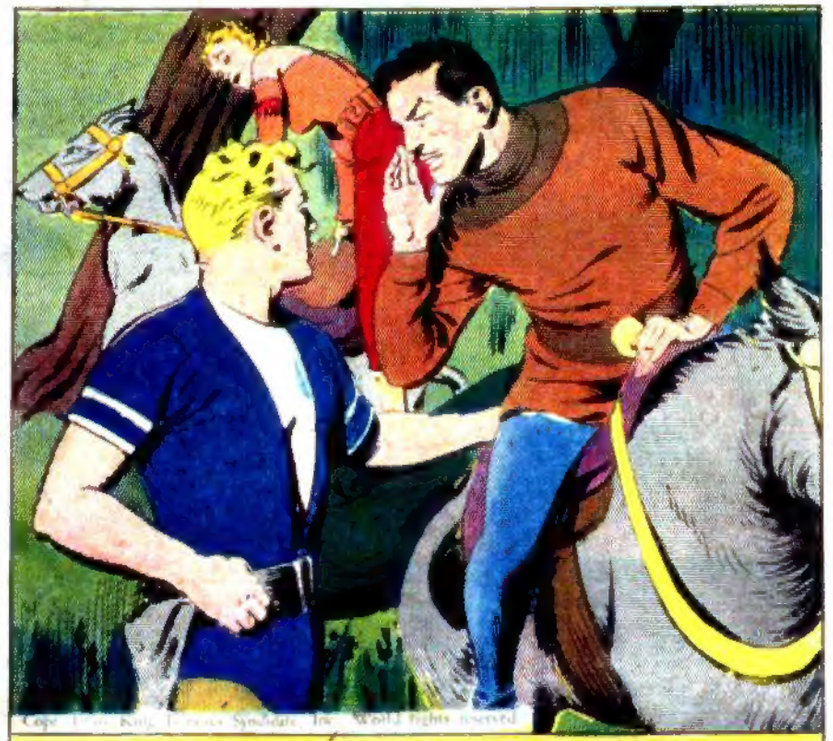
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER WILLFUL LIFE, VALKIR FINDS A MAN STRONGER THAN HERSELF. FOR A DELIRIOUS MOMENT SHE YIELDS TO THE STRANGE EMOTION



SHE STARTS GUILTILY AT PRINCE MARKO'S ARRIVAL, SUDDENLY REMEMBERING SHE'S A QUEEN IN A LAND WHERE WOMEN RULE: *"BY THE GODDESS OF VALK, I MUST BE MAD. HOW UNWOMANLY, LETTING A MERE MAN SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET. FLASH, HOW DARE YOU!"*



FLASH GRINS: *"STOP FOOLING YOURSELF, VALKIR. YOU KNOW YOU LIKED IT. BUT ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE. I'M ON MY WAY TO FIND KANG, THE CRUEL. CAN YOU WALK BACK TO THE PALACE BY YOURSELF - OR WILL YOU HELP US AGAINST KANG?*



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VALKIR AGREES WITH SUSPICIOUS READINESS MARKO WHISPERS A WARNING TO FLASH, AND FLASH WHISPERS BACK: *"I DON'T TRUST HER, EITHER--BUT THIS WAY WE CAN WATCH HER."*

WHATEVER SHE MAY BE PLANNING, VALKIR GUIDES THEM TO THE VALLEY WHERE KANG AND HIS ATOM-WEAPONS ARE HELD UNDER LIGHT GUARD.

NEXT WEEK: **TRAITRESS**

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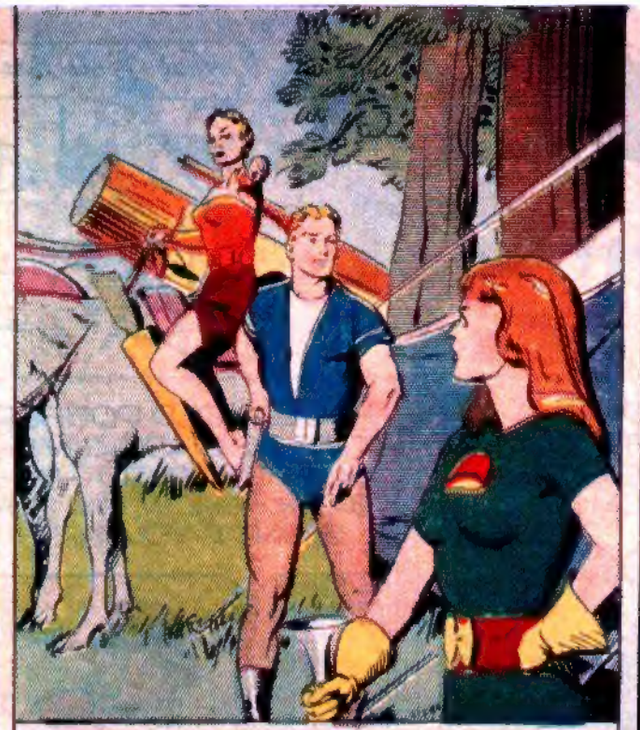
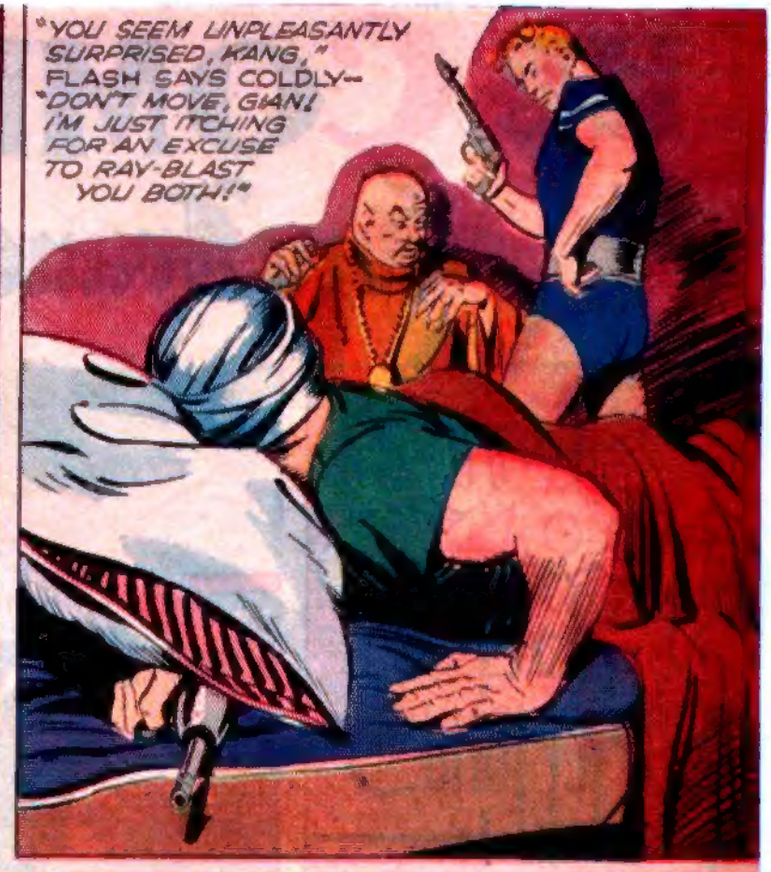
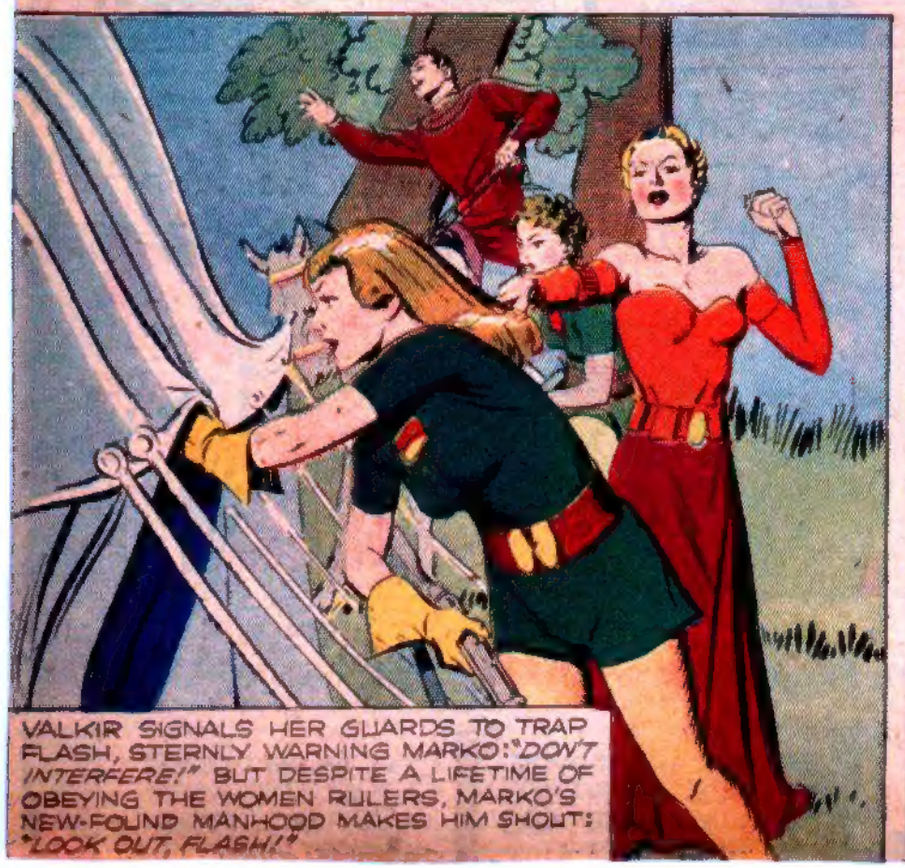
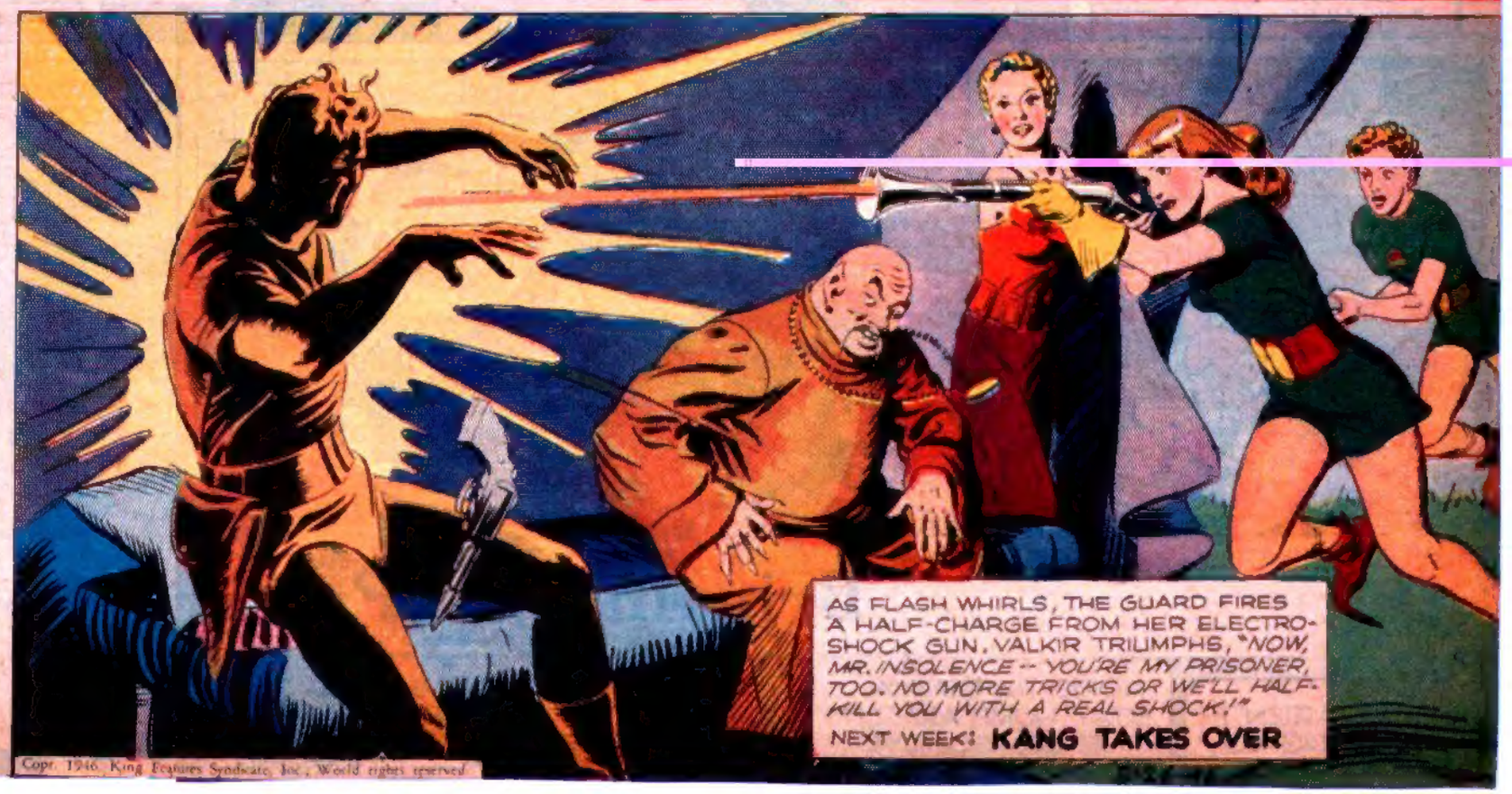


STRANGELY MEEK, VALKIR GUIDES FLASH TO THE CAMP WHERE SHE'S GUARDING KANG AND GIAN. FLASH WONDERS IF HE HAS REALLY TAMED THE FIERCE QUEEN.





VALKIR SIGNALS HER GUARDS TO TRAP FLASH, STERNLY WARNING MARKO: "DON'T INTERFERE!" BUT DESPITE A LIFETIME OF OBEYING THE WOMEN RULERS, MARKO'S NEW-FOUND MANHOOD MAKES HIM SHOUT: "LOOK OUT, FLASH!"



AS FLASH WHIRLS, THE GUARD FIRES A HALF-CHARGE FROM HER ELECTRO-SHOCK GUN. VALKIR TRIUMPHS, "NOW, MR. INSOLENCE -- YOU'RE MY PRISONER, TOO. NO MORE TRICKS OR WE'LL HALF-KILL YOU WITH A REAL SHOCK!"

NEXT WEEK: **KANG TAKES OVER**

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"WHY RUN AWAY FROM THOSE MERE MEN?" VALKIR PROTESTS. BUT FLASH HURRIES HER TOWARD THE CONCEALING FOREST: "WE CAN'T FACE THEIR ATOM WEAPONS IN THE OPEN."

ONE BLAST FROM KANG'S ATOM GUN LUCKILY AIMED SHORT, PROVES MORE THAN ALL FLASH'S ARGUMENTS.

"GIVE ME YOUR GUN, MARKO," FLASH TELLS THE PRINCE. "TAKE VALKIR TO SAFETY, AS FAST AS YOU CAN."

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THE ATOM BLASTS BRING ON A BLINDING STORM THAT STOPS KANG'S PURSUIT. "BACK TO THE ROCKET SHIP BEFORE WE GET LOST, GIAN," KANG ORDERS, SHARPLY.

AND FLASH HEADS FOR THE SAME GOAL, BRAVING THE DEATH STORM IN HIS GRIM DETERMINATION TO GET KANG OR RECAPTURE THE FATEFUL SHIPLOAD OF ATOM WEAPONS.

NEXT WEEK: **SHIP OF DOOM**

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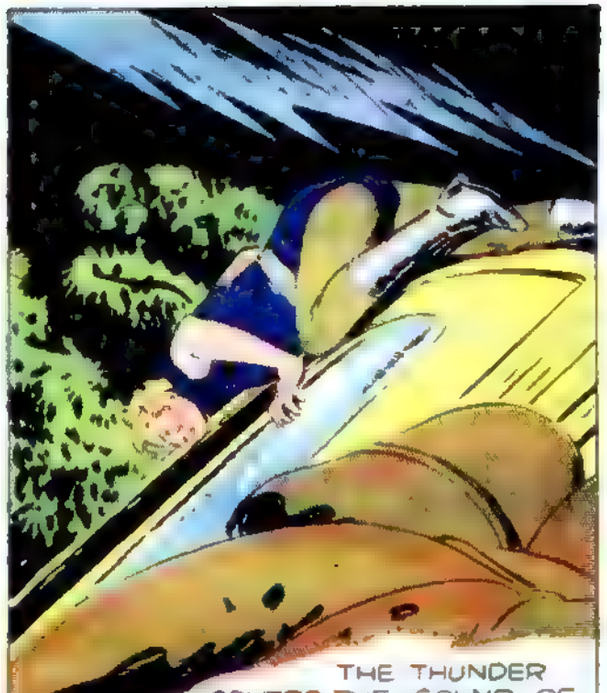
"WHERE IS FLASH?" DALE DEMANDS, AS VALKIR ARRIVES TO CALL HER WARRIOR WOMEN TO BATTLE MARKO SAYS; SADLY: "KANG HAS SEIZED THE ATOM WEAPONS, AND FLASH STAYED TO FIGHT HIM SINGLE-HANDED!"



THE THUNDER COVERS THE SOUND OF FLASH'S MOVEMENTS, AS HE BOLDLY BREAKS INTO THE WRECKED ROCKET WHERE GIAN AND KANG ARE SHELTERED FROM THE RAGING STORM.

IN THE CARGO ROOM, FLASH TURNS ONE ATOM ROCKET'S FUSE INTO A TIME BOMB, SURE TO EXPLODE THE WHOLE DEADLY SHIPLOAD IN AN HOUR OR TWO.

IN THE SHIP'S CABIN KANG HEARS A NOISE AND WARNS GIAN. "I'LL BLAST HIM!" GIAN SNARLS. KANG SNORTS: "AND BLOW US ALL TO ATOMS, FOOL? NOBODY DARES SHOOT IN HERE. THIS CALLS FOR A CLEVER TRICK!"

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FOLLOWING KANG'S WHISPERED ORDERS GIAN SLOWLY OPENS THE DOOR SHOUTING: "DON'T SHOOT, FLASH, I SURRENDER. KANG HAS DESERTED ME!"

NEXT WEEK: **RIDING TO THE RESCUE.**

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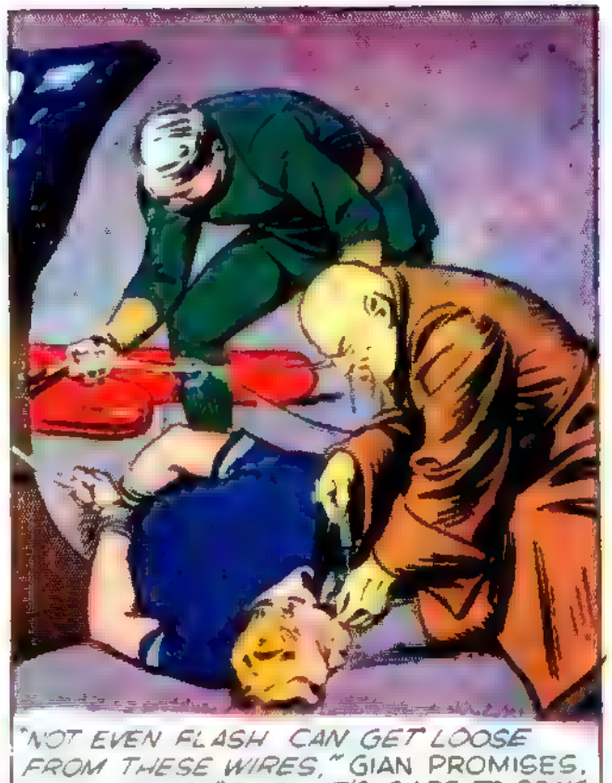

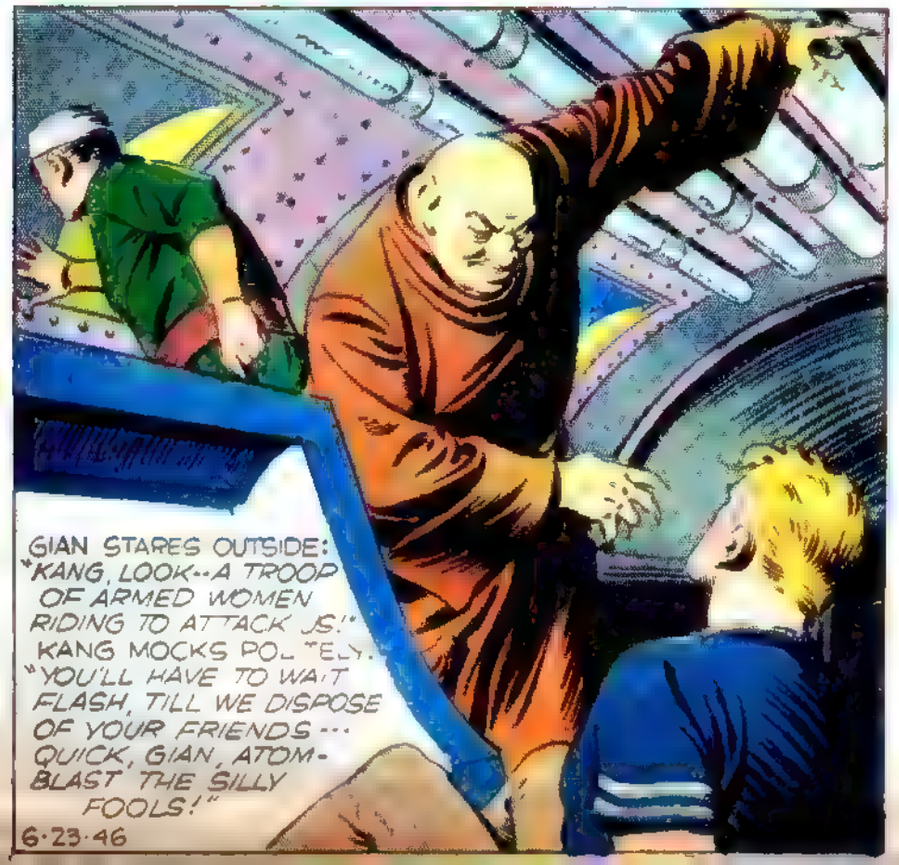

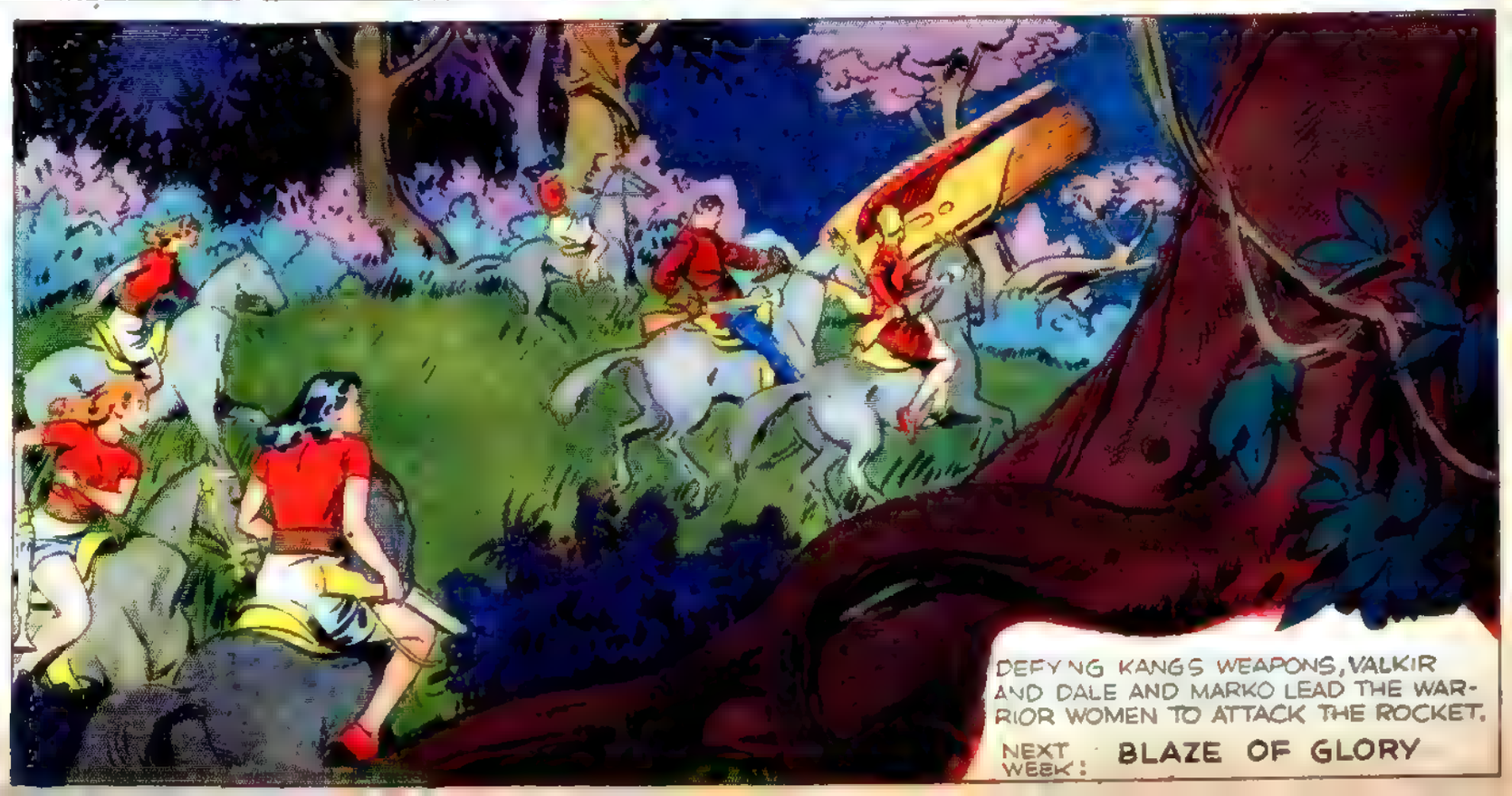

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THE WARRIOR WOMEN FIGHT BRAVELY BUT IN VAIN WHILE KANG AND GIAN, SAFE IN THE ARMORED CARGO ROOM, BLAST FEARFUL HOLES IN THEIR RANKS.

RISKING ELECTROCUTION IN A DARING EFFORT TO ESCAPE, FLASH USES HIS WIRE BONDS TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE ROCKET SHIP'S POWER PANEL.

BURNED AND DAZED, BUT FREE FROM THE FUSED WIRES, FLASH STAGGERS OUT OF THE ROCKET. DALE RACES TOWARD HIM WITH A WILD CRY: *"FLASH, DARLING. RIDE MY WOLFIN!"*

"GET OUT OF HERE! TAKE TO THE HILLS! TOP SPEED!" FLASH WARNS VALKIR AND HER WARRIORS. HE KNOWS THAT TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR THE ATOM BOMB HE HAS SET, TO EXPLODE.

FROM MILES AWAY AN INCREDIBLE, BLINDING BLAST ALMOST KNOCKS EVERYONE FLAT. THE WHOLE CARGO OF ATOM WEAPONS HAS EXPLODED WITH EARTHQUAKE FORCE, TOWERING INTO THE SKY, A MONUMENT TO KANG'S EVIL.

NEXT WEEK:

VALKIR CHOOSES A KING

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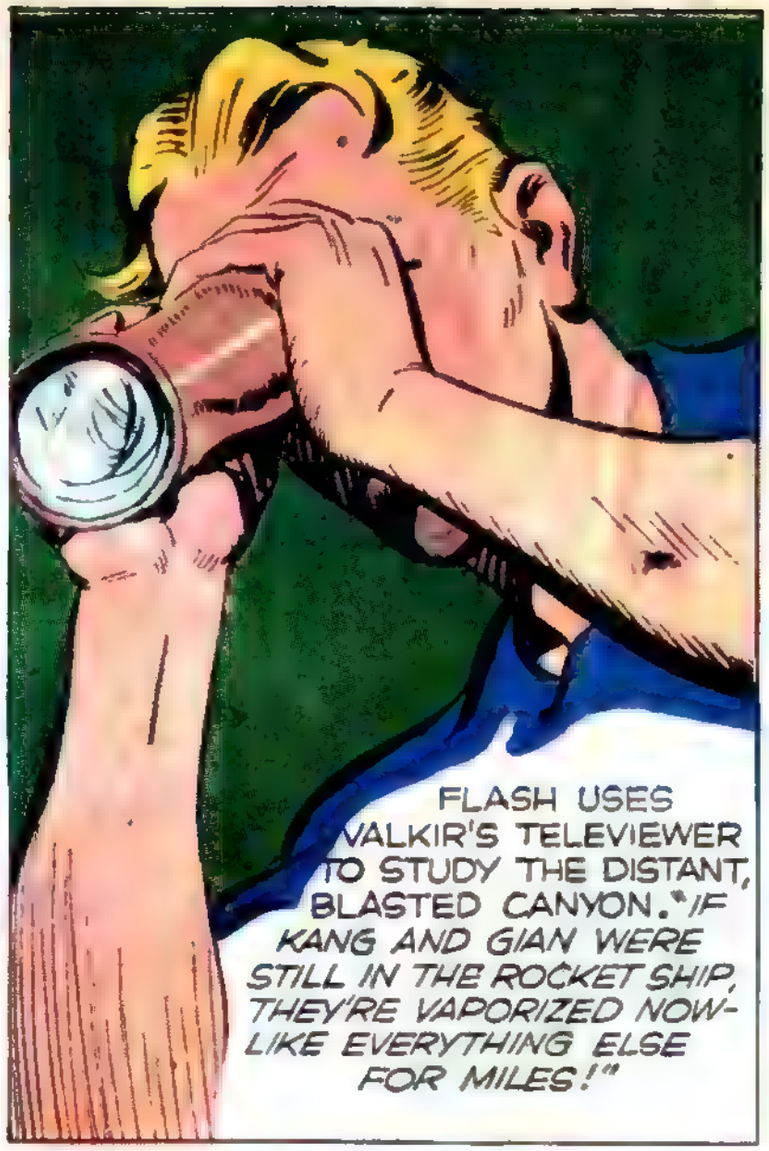
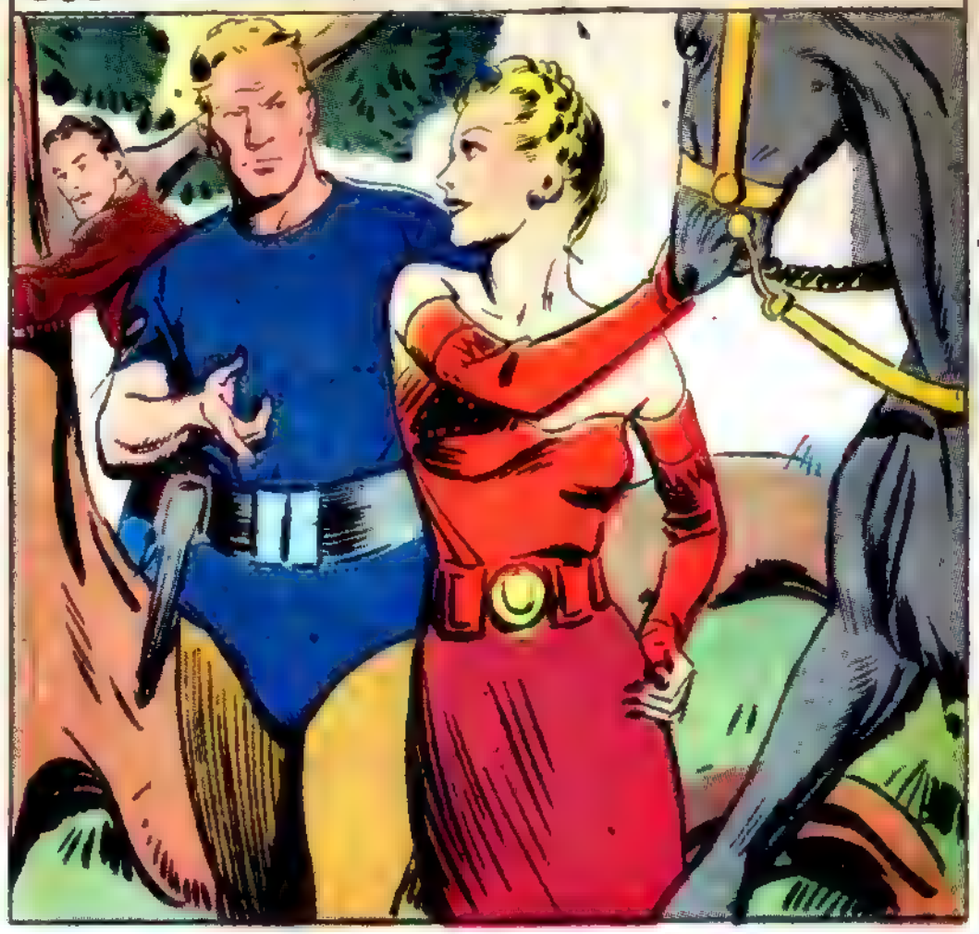
"WHAT HAPPENED?" DALE'S VOICE IS AWE-STRUCK. FLASH EXPLAINS, "I SET A TIME BOMB IN KANG'S ROCKET SHIP--AND ALL HIS ATOM WEAPONS BLEW UP!"



FLASH USES VALKIR'S TELEVIEWER TO STUDY THE DISTANT, BLASTED CANYON. "IF KANG AND GIAN WERE STILL IN THE ROCKET SHIP, THEY'RE VAPORIZED NOW-LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE FOR MILES!"

"I'LL HAVE MY WARRIOR WOMEN SEARCH THE COUNTRYSIDE AND MAKE SURE THEY HAD NOT ESCAPED EARLIER," VALKIR OFFERS. FLASH AGREES, WARNING: "MAKE THEM KEEP OUT OF THE VALLEY ITSELF--IT'LL BE POISONOUSLY RADIOACTIVE."



"I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE KANG, THE CRUEL, IS GONE AT LAST," DALE SAYS, THANKFULLY. AS THEY RIDE THEIR WOLFINS BACK TO THE PALACE, VALKIR SEEMS STRANGELY THOUGHTFUL.

"WE HAVE ESCAPED A GREAT DANGER, THANKS TO OUR GUEST," VALKIR TELLS HER COURT. "IT HAS CONVINCED ME AT LAST THAT I SHOULD MARRY. PEOPLE OF VALKIR, SALUTE YOUR NEW KING -- FLASH!"

NEXT WEEK: **WOMAN SCORNED**

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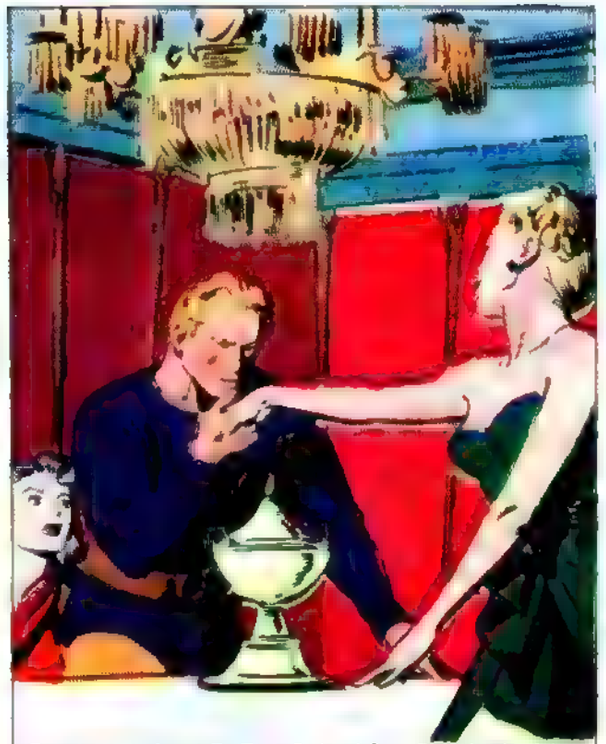
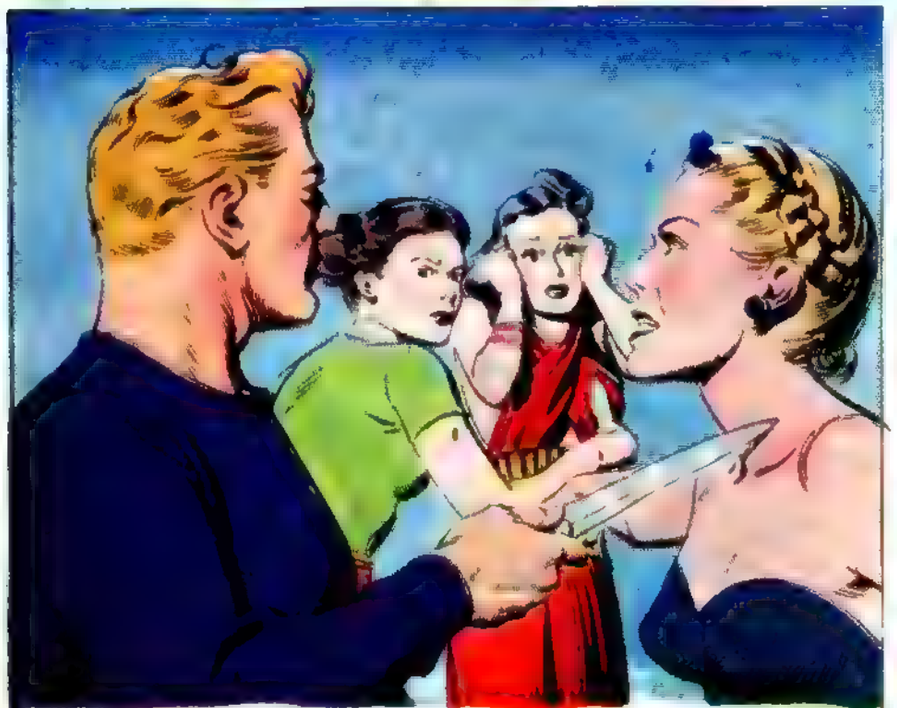


QUEEN VALKIR PUTS FLASH ON THE SPOT WITH HER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SHE'S GOING TO MARRY HIM. HE SAYS, SLOWLY, "YOUR MAJESTY DOES ME TOO MUCH HONOR-"

"BUT I CANNOT BE YOUR KING I MUST RETURN TO GOVERN MONGO," FLASH CONTINUES. "THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON I CAN EVER LOVE — DALE!"

FOR A SECOND VALKIR CANNOT BELIEVE HER EARS. THEN SHE EXPLODES: "INSOLENT MAN! HOW DARE YOU DEFY MY ORDERS? THIS IS HIGH TREASON. SEIZE HIM, WARRIORS!"



FLASH MOVES FAST TO PROTECT HIMSELF AND DALE: "CALL OFF YOUR WOMEN, VALKIR!" BUT SHE SPITS LIKE AN ANGRY CAT: "SEIZE HIM! SEIZE THE WOMAN! KILL DALE, IF HE RESISTS. NEVER MIND WHAT HAPPENS TO ME -- I DON'T CARE WHETHER I LIVE OR DIE!"

PRINCE MARKO PLEADS, "LET THE STRANGERS GO, VALKIR. I LOVE YOU -- MARRY ME INSTEAD!" BUT VALKIR IS BLIND WITH RAGE: "STAND ASIDE, MARKO, FLASH MUST DIE THE 'DOZEN DEATHS' WHILE I WATCH AND LAUGH!" NEXT WEEK: **KNIVES OF FATE.**

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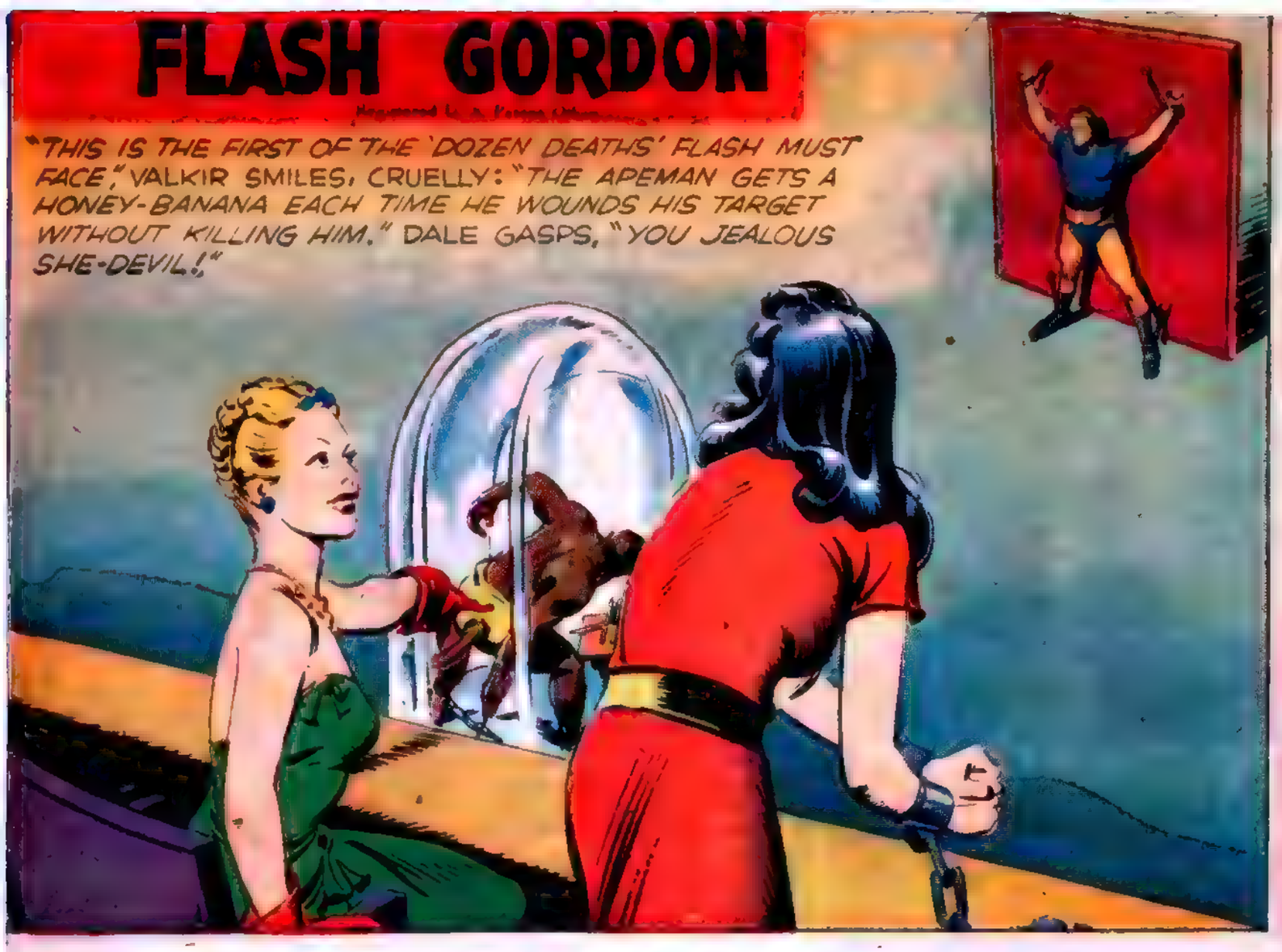

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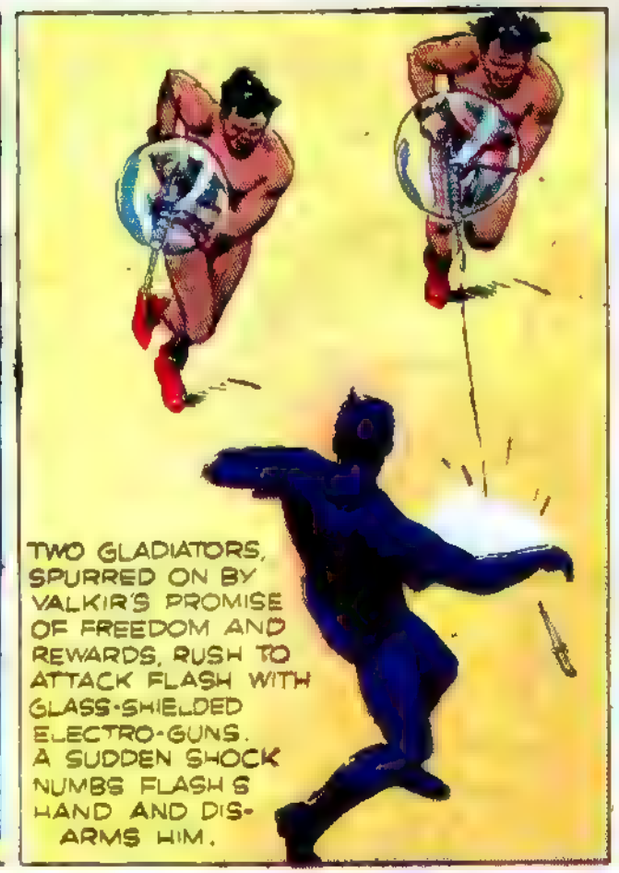

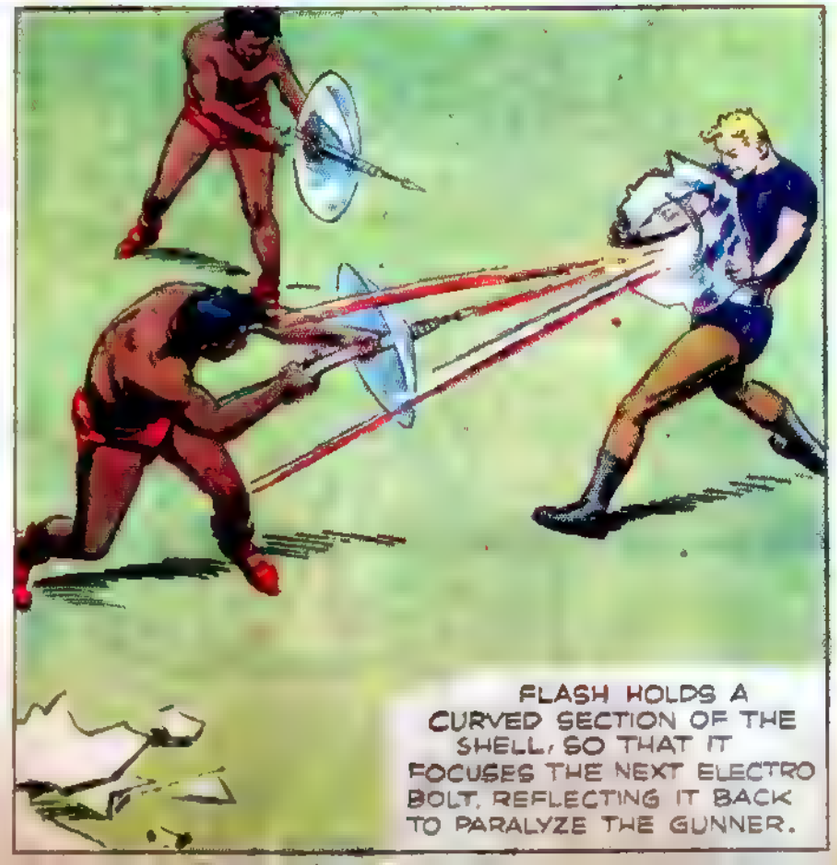

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"SET DALE FREE OR I'LL SHOOT," FLASH WARNS THE QUEEN. BUT VALKIR DEFIES HIM: "SHOOT, IF YOU DARE--YOUR DALE WILL DIE WITH ME! I'D RATHER DIE THAN LOSE MY REVENGE ON YOU!"

FLASH SEES VALKIR MEANS IT. HE BARGAINS, "IF I GO AHEAD AND FACE YOUR 'DOZEN DEATHS', WILL YOU FREE DALE?" VALKIR LAUGHS, "I'LL EVEN FREE YOUR BROKEN CARCASS, IF YOU SURVIVE--NOBODY EVER HAS!"

"DON'T GIVE IN--SHOOT HER AND GET AWAY, YOURSELF. I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU," DALE URGES. BUT FLASH ACCEPTS THE QUEEN'S WORD: "UNTIE DALE, TO SHOW YOUR GOOD FAITH. THEN DO YOUR WORST."

FLASH STEALS A MOMENT WITH DALE THAT MAY WELL BE THEIR LAST: "JUST WATCH ME FIGHT FOR YOU, DARLING!" HE TRIES TO REASSURE HER.

BRAVELY FLASH MARCHES INTO THE ARENA--WHERE TWO SAVAGES, ARMED WITH BRAZIERS FULL OF FIREBALLS, ADVANCE TO HUNT HIM DOWN WITH THEIR BLAZING MISSILES.

NEXT WEEK: **THE FIRE DANCE.**

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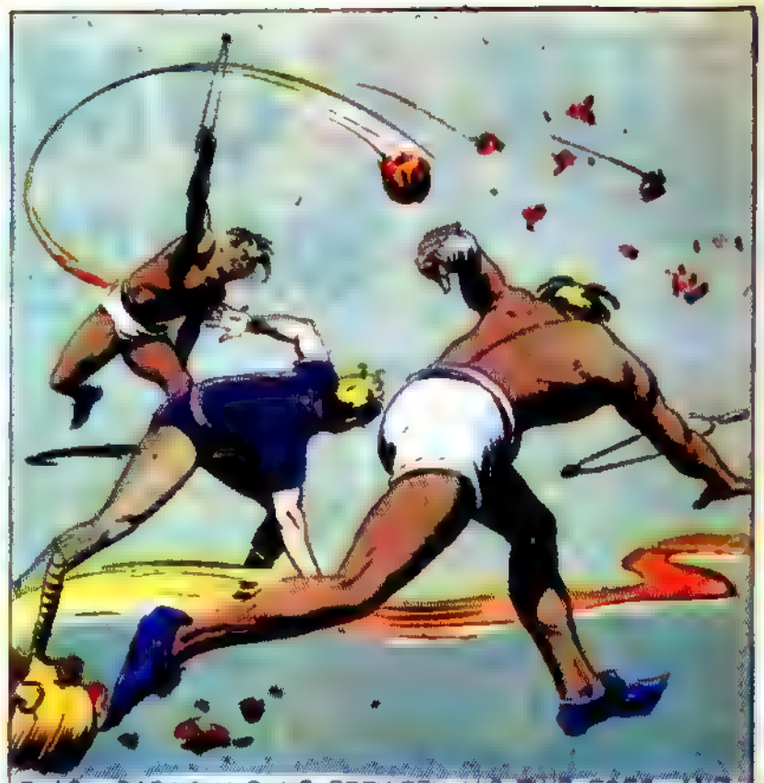
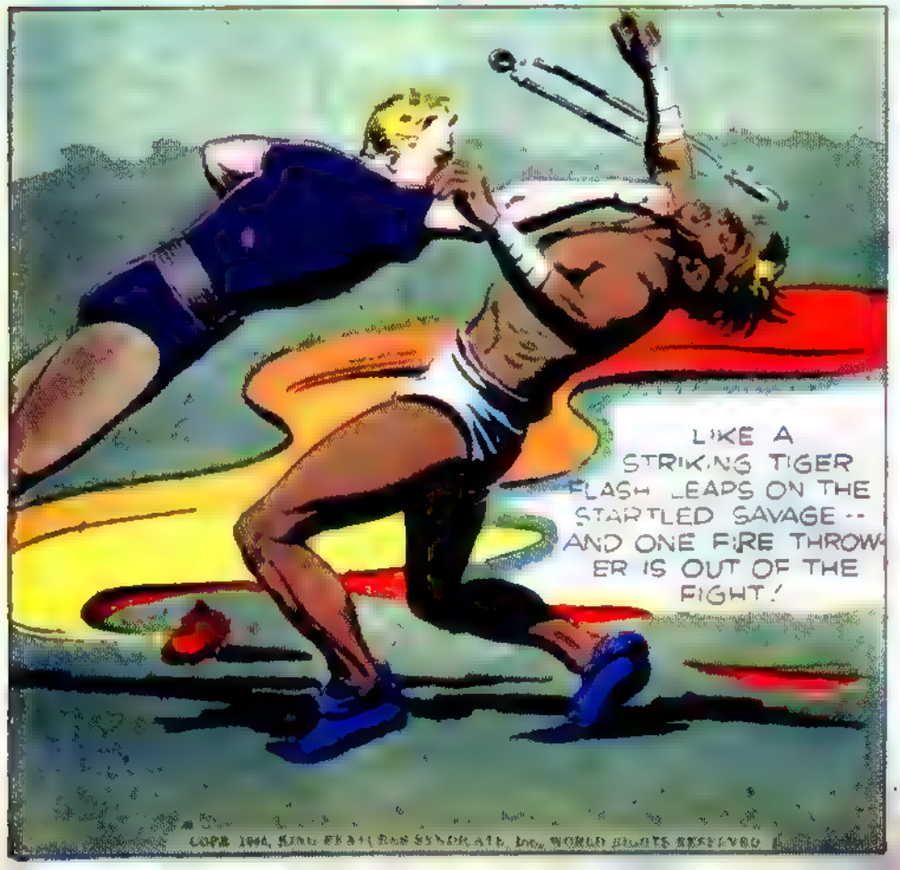
SKILLED AT THIS EVIL WARFARE THE SAVAGES KEEP THEIR DISTANCE AS BOTH AT ONCE HURL THEIR FLAMEBALLS AT THE DESPERATELY DODGING TARGET.



FLASH DARINGLY RUNS BETWEEN HIS TWO FOES—AND, AS HE PLANS, ONE SAVAGE NEARLY HITS THE OTHER WITH A FIERY MISSILE, AS FLASH DODGES.



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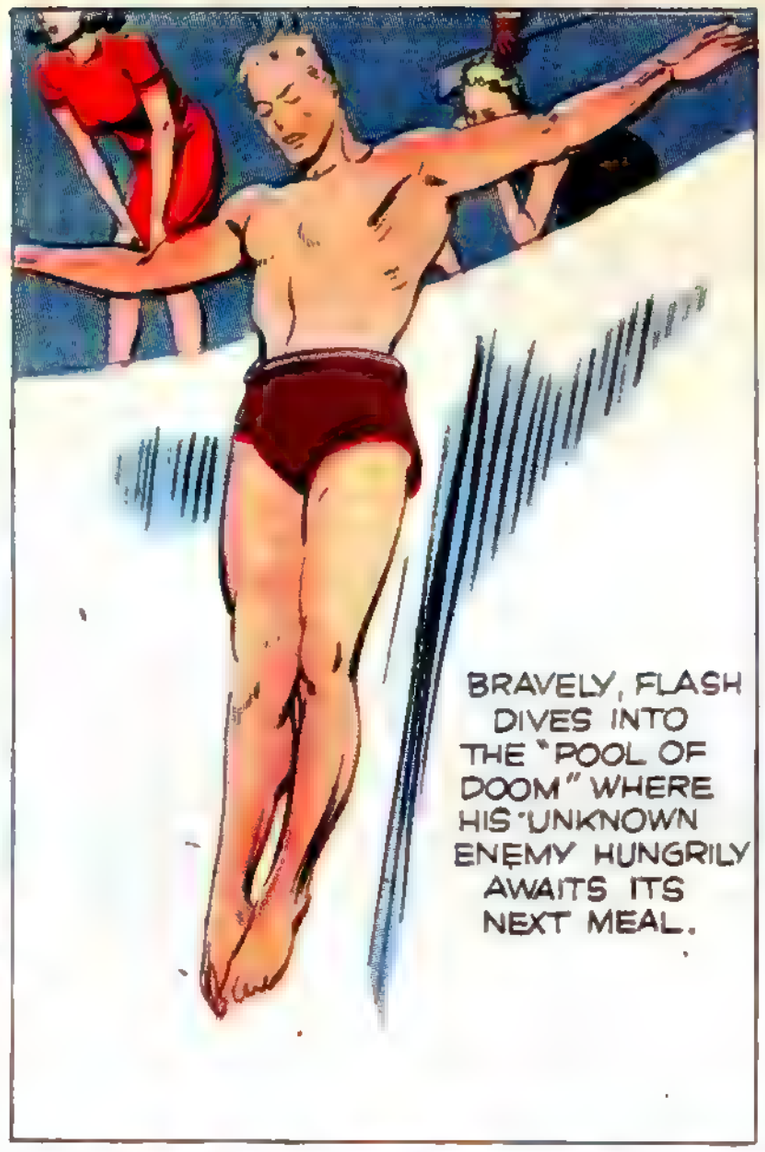
"YOU HAVEN'T KILLED ME YET WITH YOUR BOASTED 'DOZEN DEATHS', VALKIR," FLASH MOCKS. SHE FAIRLY SPITS AT HIM, "SEE HOW YOU LIKE MY NEXT CHAMPION -- THE OCTOSHARK!"



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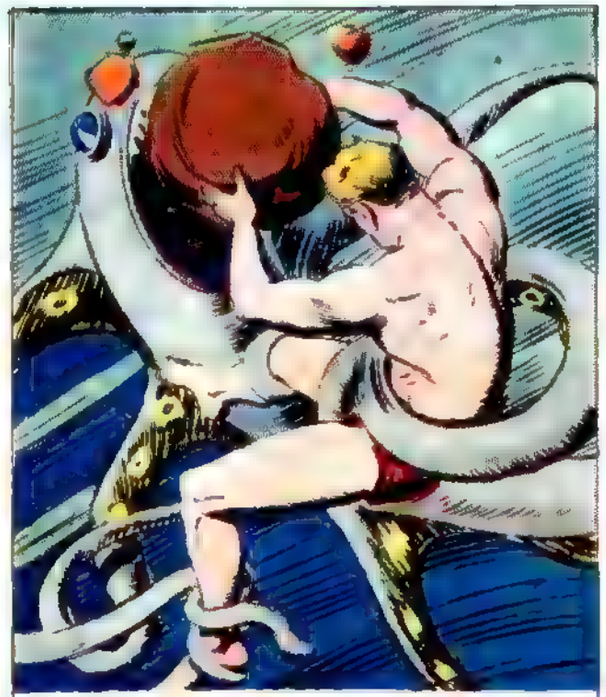

THE TRIUMPHANT SEA CREATURE TUGS FLASH TOWARD ITS HUNGRY FANGS. FLASH TURNS ADDING HIS OWN STRENGTH TO THE PULLING TENTACLES--AND SMASHES THE HUGE STONE INTO THE OCTOSHARK'S SKULL.

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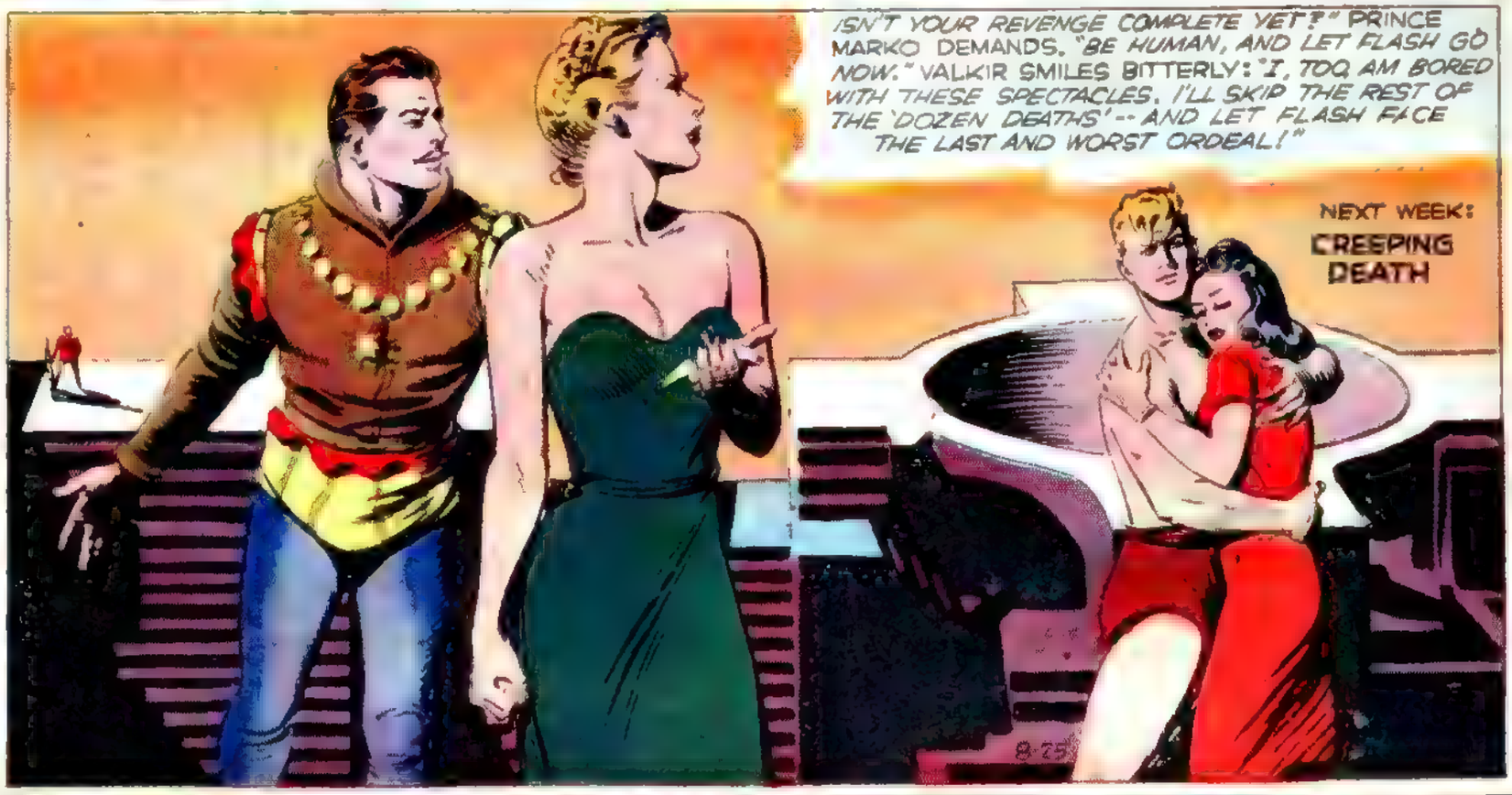

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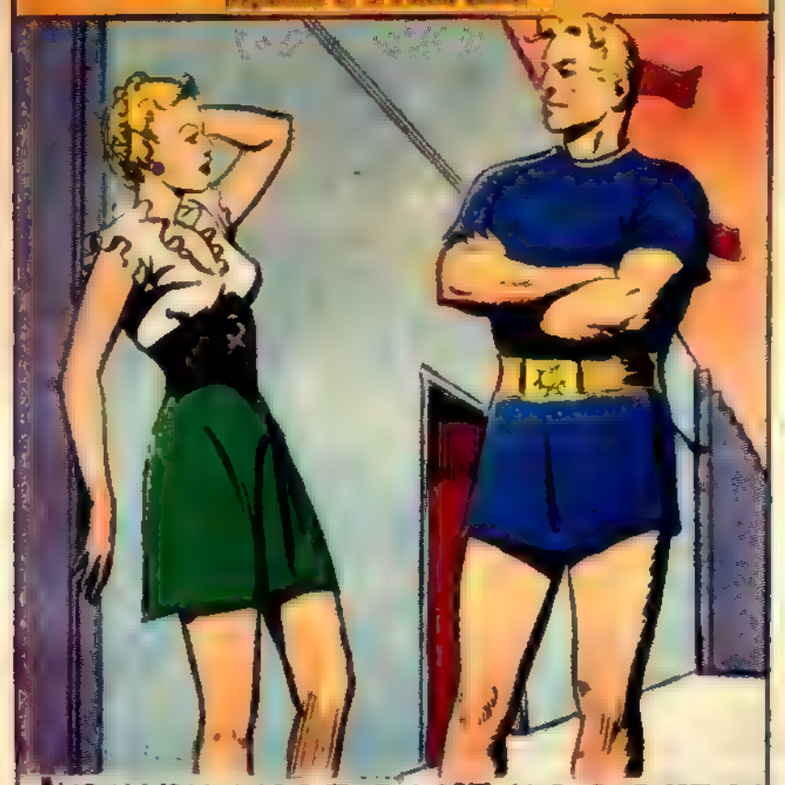
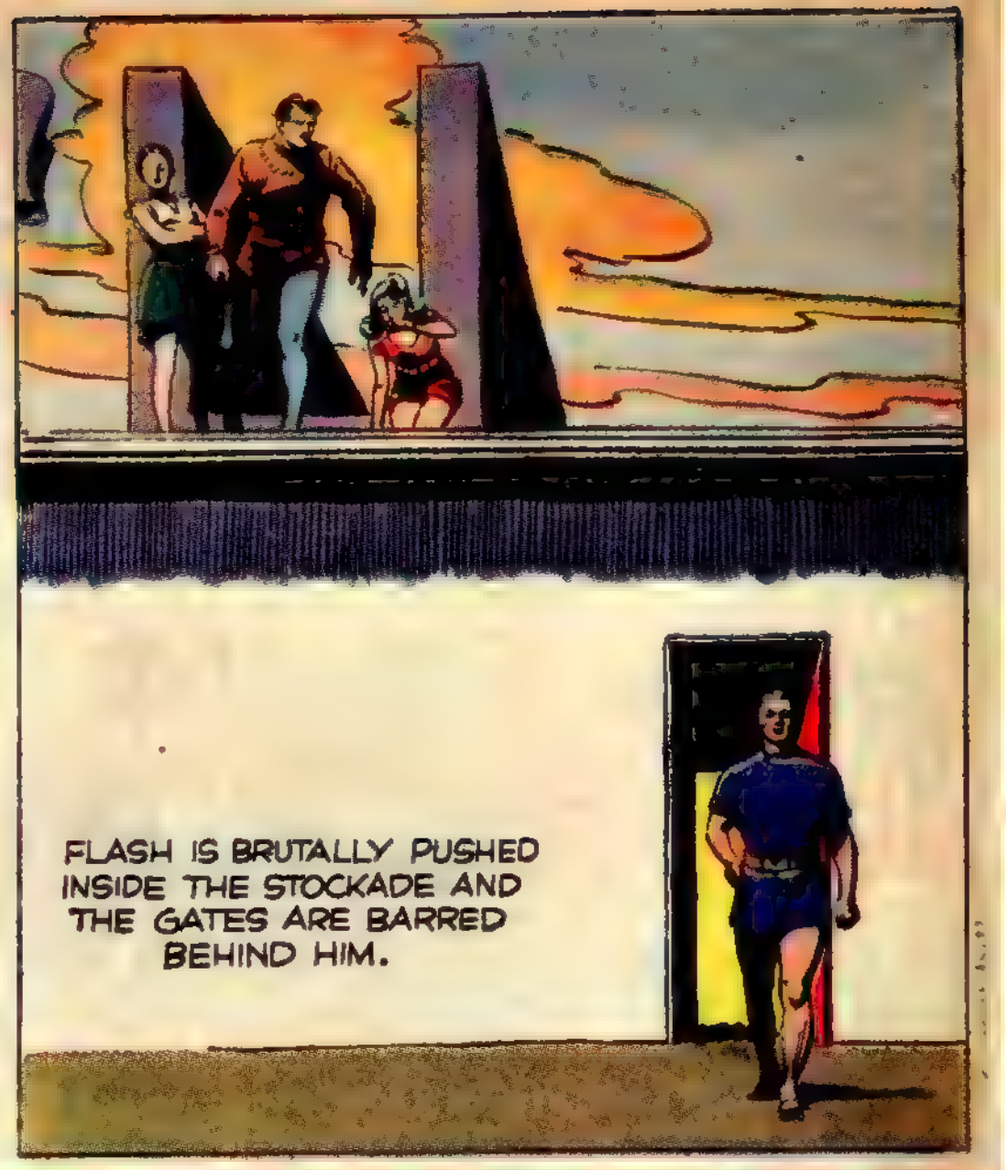
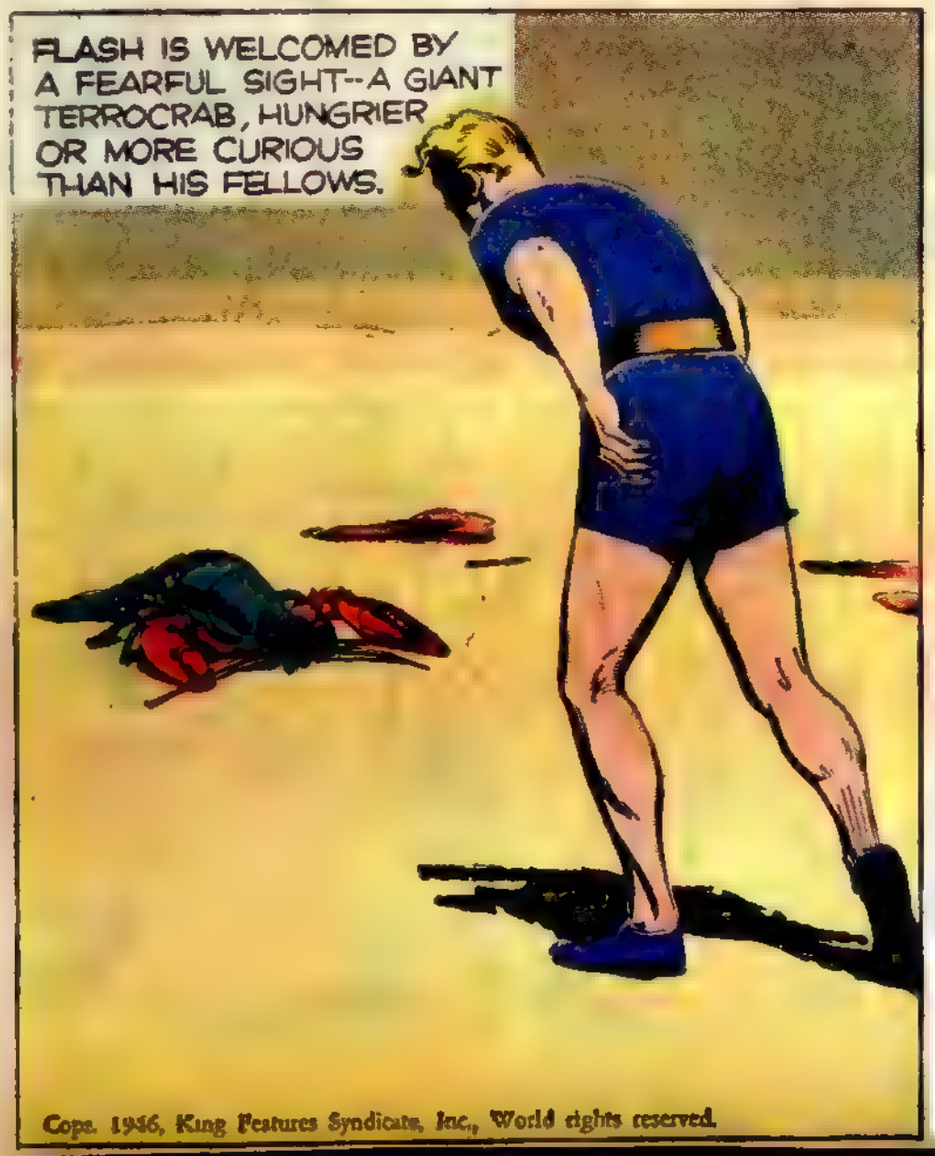


"NOW YOU FACE THE LAST AND SUREST OF THE 'DOZEN DEATHS,' VALKIR PURRS. "WE DON'T EXECUTE A REBEL, WE JUST SENTENCE HIM TO A DAY AND A NIGHT AMONG THE TERROCRABS. NO MAN HAS EVER SURVIVED."





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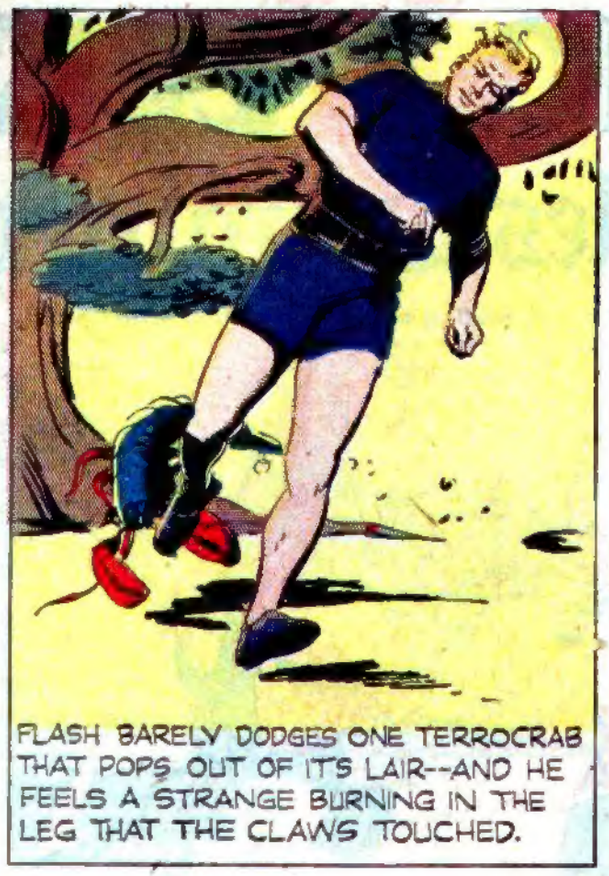

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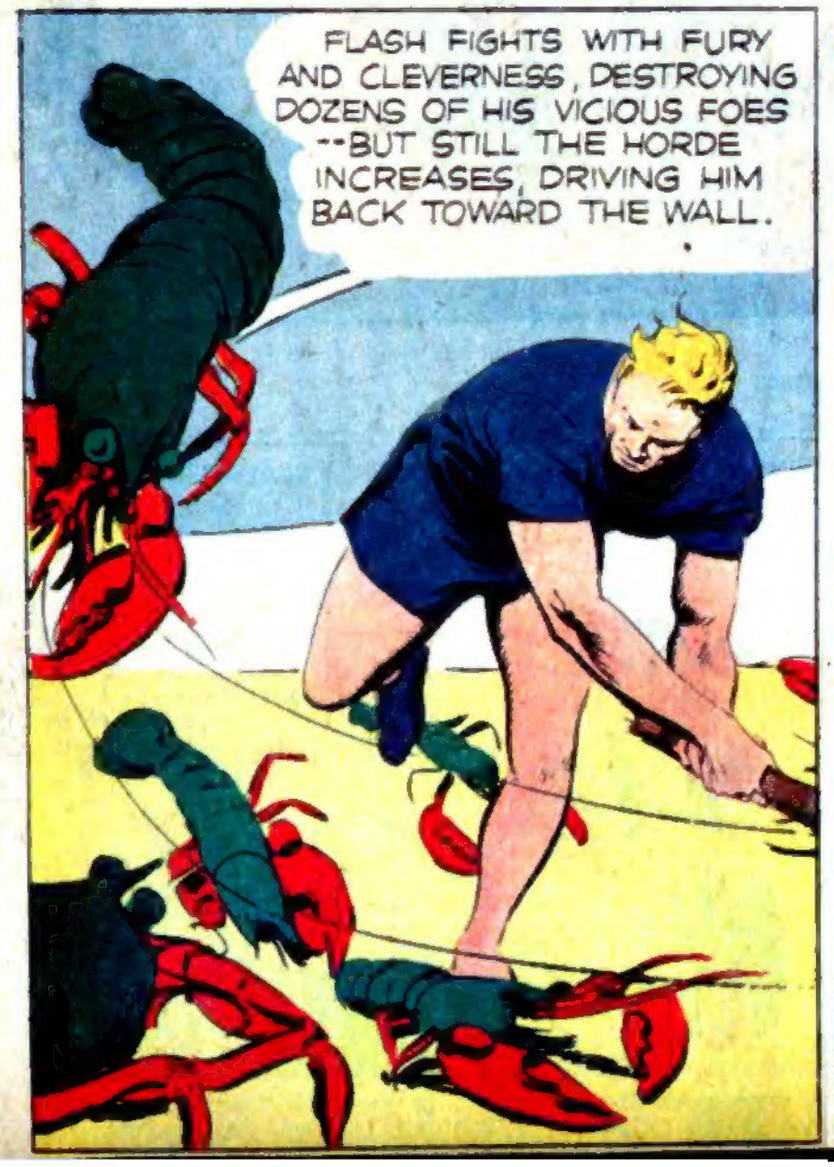
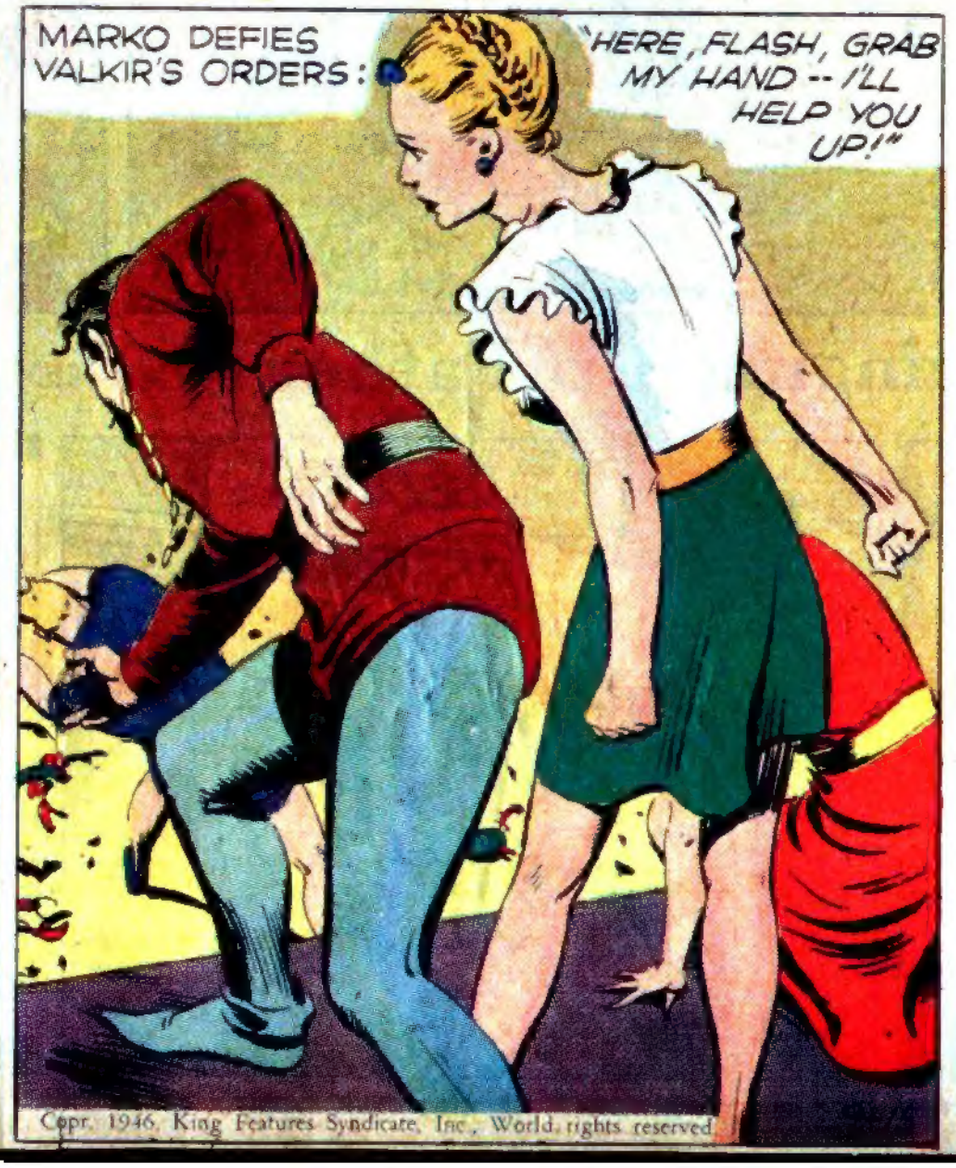
FLASH BREAKS AND TRIMS A BRANCH AS A WEAPON AGAINST THE SWARMING TERROCRABS.

THE TREE BECOMES ALIVE WITH A HORRID RUSTLING AND CLACKING, AS THE CANNIBAL CREATURES CLIMB AFTER THEIR PREY.

FLASH LEAPS FROM THE SWARMING TREE. *"I'LL NOT BE TREED LIKE A RACCOON--ON THE GROUND I CAN KILL A LOT OF THEM BEFORE THEY GET ME!"*





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VALKIR FURIOUSLY TRIES TO THROW MARKO TO THE TERROCRABS--AND DALE GIVES THE QUEEN A TASTE OF HER OWN MEDICINE VALKIR SHRIEKS, *"HELP!"*

NEXT WEEK: **A QUEEN AT BAY.**

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"SEE HOW YOU LIKE THE FATE YOU PLANNED FOR FLASH," DALE CRIES, AS SHE PUSHES VALKIR DOWN AMONG THE DEADLY TERROCRABS.

MARKO LEAPS DOWN FROM THE WALL TO HELP FLASH. *"I'M WITH YOU! GET BEHIND US, VALKIR!"* THE QUEEN SHOUTS WILDLY FOR HER WARRIOR WOMEN.

"LIFT VALKIR TO SAFETY, WHILE I HOLD THEM OFF," FLASH SHOUTS. THE FAMED WARRIOR WOMEN SHRINK FROM THE LOATHSOME CANNIBALS, BUT GINGERLY REACH FOR THEIR QUEEN.

THE WOMEN OFFER TO RESCUE MARKO. *"HELP FLASH, TOO, OR I'LL STAY AND DIE WITH HIM!"* MARKO CHALLENGES. VALKIR, STILL SHAKEN, GASPS, *"YES, SAVE FLASH GORDON, TOO!"*

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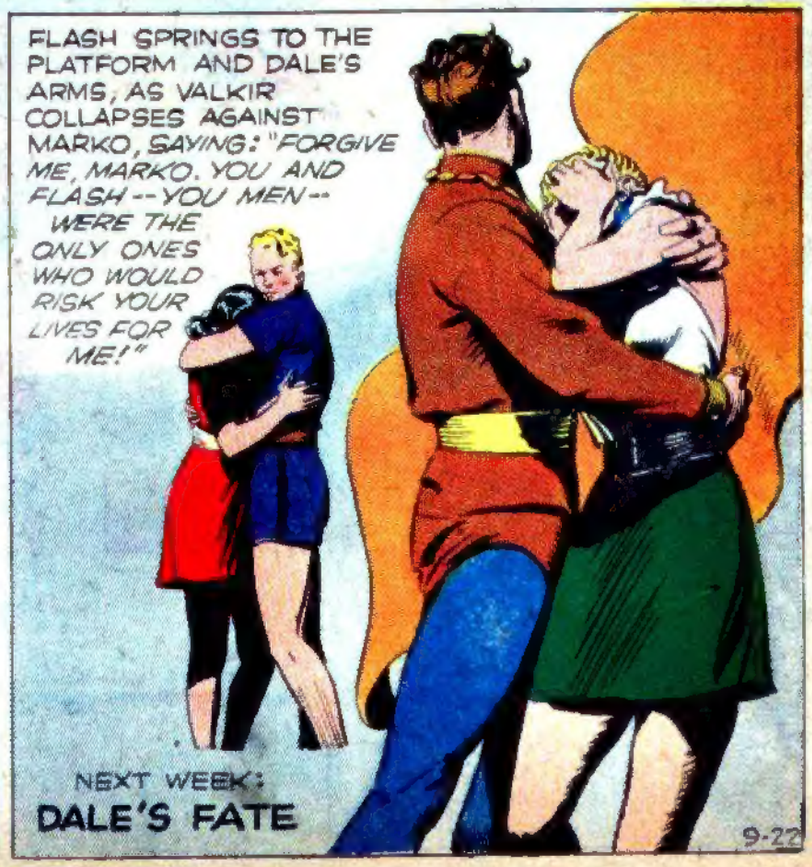

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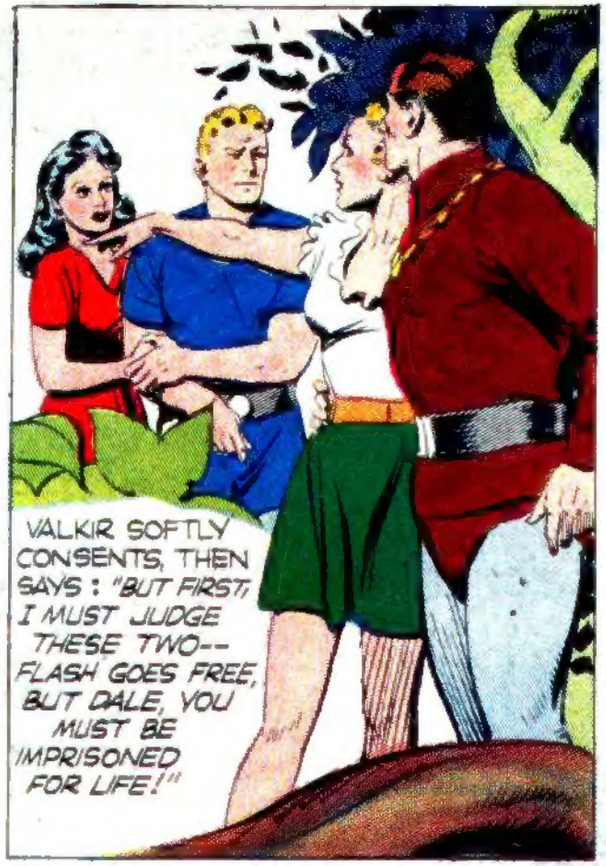
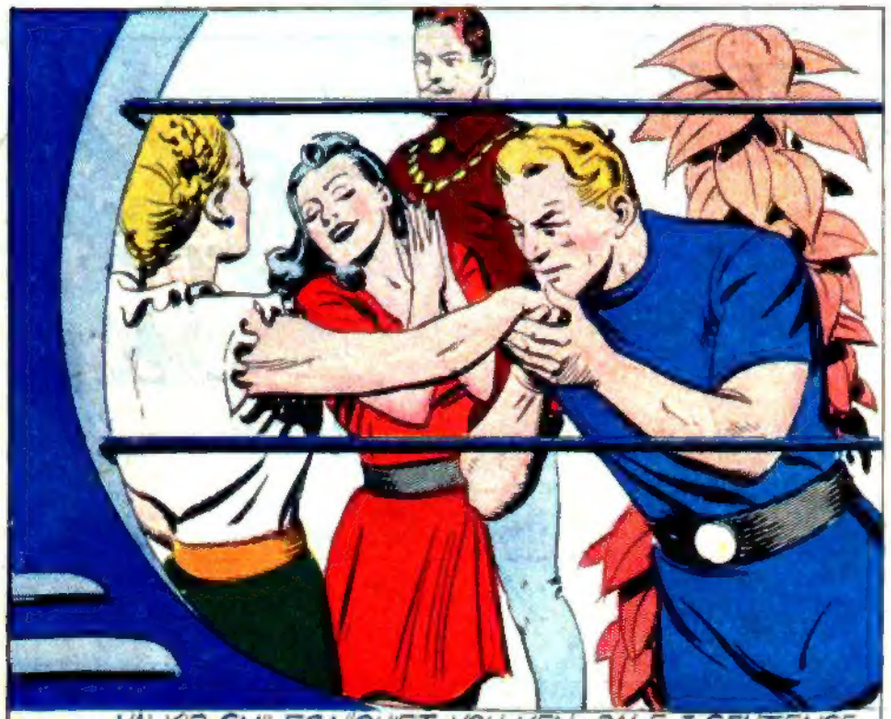
"YOU SAVED MY LIFE. TAKE ANYTHING YOU WISH IN ALL MY QUEENDOM," VALKIR SAYS, WITH UNCOMMON MEEKNESS. PRINCE MARKO SMILES: "I WANT YOU AS MY BRIDE --TO RULE THE LAND TOGETHER!"



VALKIR SOFTLY CONSENTS, THEN SAYS: "BUT FIRST, I MUST JUDGE THESE TWO-- FLASH GOES FREE, BUT DALE, YOU MUST BE IMPRISONED FOR LIFE!"

MARKO SAYS SHARPLY, "I WON'T MARRY YOU, IF YOU TRY TO DO THIS--!" AND FLASH STARTS GRIMLY TOWARD VALKIR. BUT DALE SENSES WHAT'S IN THE OTHER WOMAN'S MIND: "WAIT, DEAR."



VALKIR SMILES: "QUIET, YOU MEN. DALE, I SENTENCE YOU FOR LIFE -- TO LIVE OUTSIDE VALKR, WITH FLASH AS YOUR GUARD TO SEE THAT YOU STOP PUSHING QUEENS AROUND!" FLASH GRINS, "YOU WOMEN ALWAYS GET THE LAST WORD!"

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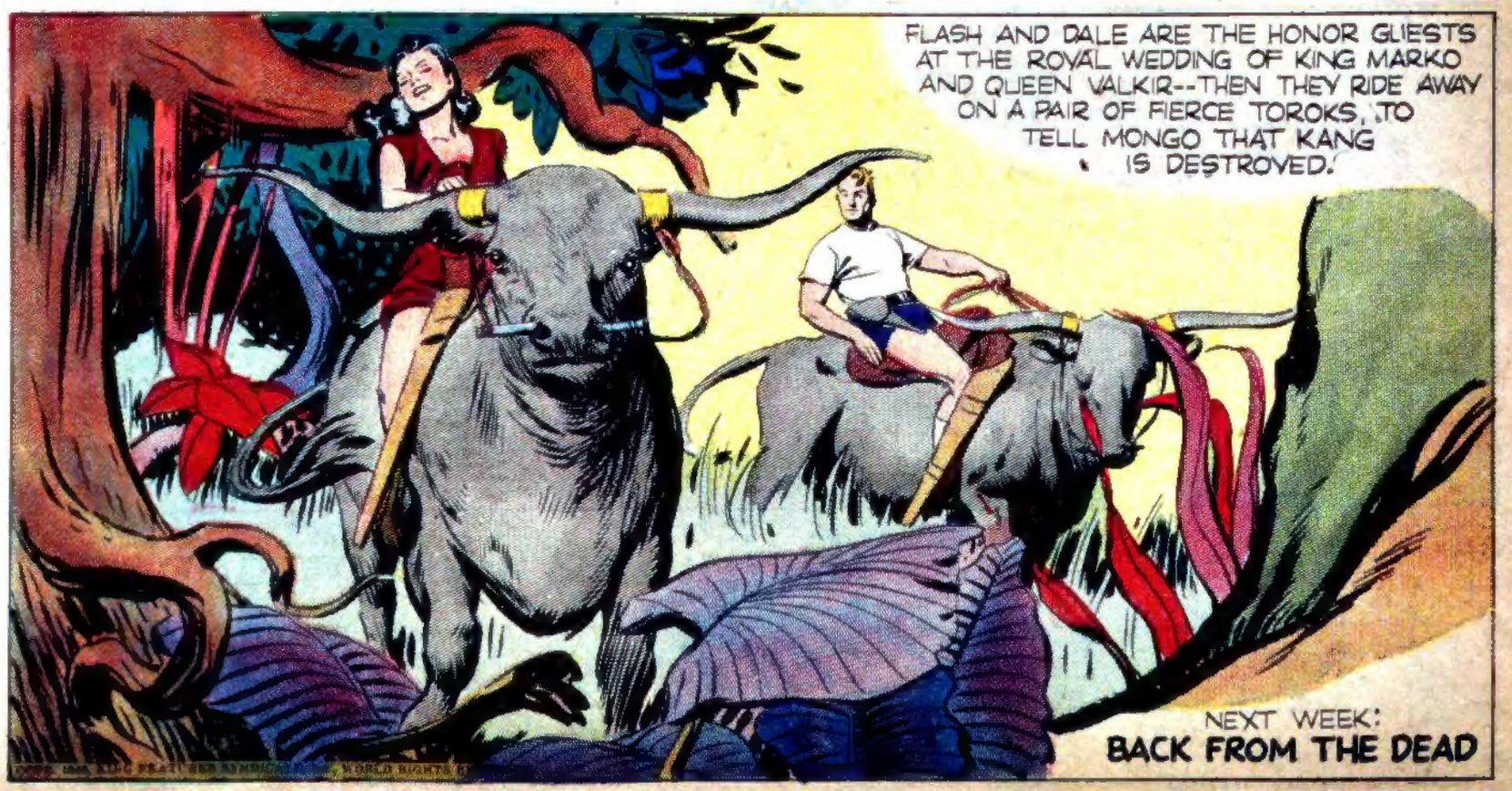

FLASH AND DALE ARE THE HONOR GUESTS AT THE ROYAL WEDDING OF KING MARKO AND QUEEN VALKIR--THEN THEY RIDE AWAY ON A PAIR OF FIERCE TOROKS, TO TELL MONGO THAT KANG IS DESTROYED.

NEXT WEEK:
BACK FROM THE DEAD